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DARING UNDERSEA ATTACK ON ELBE COINCIDES WITH MASS AIR RAID

Three Warships Hit By Torpedoes: British Air Force Sends 61 Planes In Attack On Heligoland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 18 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT BRITISH SUBMARINES HAVE SUNK ONE, AND PROBABLY TWO 6,000-TON GERMAN CRUISERS, INCLUDING THE LEIPZIG, WHICH IS ONE OF THE NEWEST TYPES OF NAZI WARSHIPS.

It is also claimed that a third German warship has been damaged in a series of naval thrusts which have coincided with the biggest air battles of the war over German coastal bases.

The first announcement of the sinking of a German cruiser came with the disclosure that the small submarine Ursula slipped past six German destroyers at the mouth of the River Elbe and sank an unidentified Nazi cruiser.

Afterwards it was disclosed that the same submarine which had vainly attempted to stop the Bremen, sighted a fleet of German warships in the North Sea on December 13.

She immediately attacked and successfully torpedoed the cruiser Leipzig, while two other torpedoes damaged another 6,000 tonner in a group of war vessels which included a "pocket battleship," two battle cruisers, and three other cruisers.

The submarine, which has now been disclosed as the Salmon, (670 tons) was commanded by Lieut.-Commander E. O. Bickford, formerly of H.M.S. Odin, China Station.

She returned to the scene of the sinkings later and found a patch of oil four miles square, which led her commander to the conclusion that "at least one of the German ships might well have failed to reach port."

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING BRITISH AERIAL ATTACKS ON GERMAN NAVAL BASES SAYS THAT ABOUT 65 ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES PARTICIPATED IN A BIG-SCALE ATTACK ON HELIGOLAND TO-DAY.

THEY ALSO ATTACKED OTHER COASTAL BASES THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN REVENGE FOR THE NAZI AIR ATTACKS ON BRITISH WATERS ON SUNDAY WHEN MORE THAN A DOZEN SHIPS WERE BOMBED AND MACHINE-GUNNED.

These are indications that both sides are now striking with greater fury through their air forces.

It has been officially announced that the R.A.F. shot down 12 Messerschmidt planes over Heligoland.

Seven British machines failed to return to their bases.

BIG AIR BATTLE

LONDON, DEC. 18 (Reuter).

—An Air Ministry communiqué, issued at 8.50 p.m. to-day, states that a bomber formation of the Air Force reconnoitred the Heligoland Bight area with the object of attacking any enemy warships found at sea.

No warships were encountered at sea, but the bombers met strong fighter forces.

Fierce fighting ensued and 12 Messerschmidt were shot down while seven of our bombers are at present unaccounted for.

Nazi Bomb Motor Ship

LONDON, DEC. 18 (Reuter).

—In connection with the coastal raids on Britain by the Nazi-air force on Sunday, it is now reported that the motor vessel, Serenity, of 244 tons, was sunk during the course of these attacks.

The crew, who have been landed by life-boat, said that the ship was attacked by Nazi planes.

One bomb made a direct hit on the Serenity, but fortunately no one was injured.

British fighters then arrived and drove the Nazis off, appearing to PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

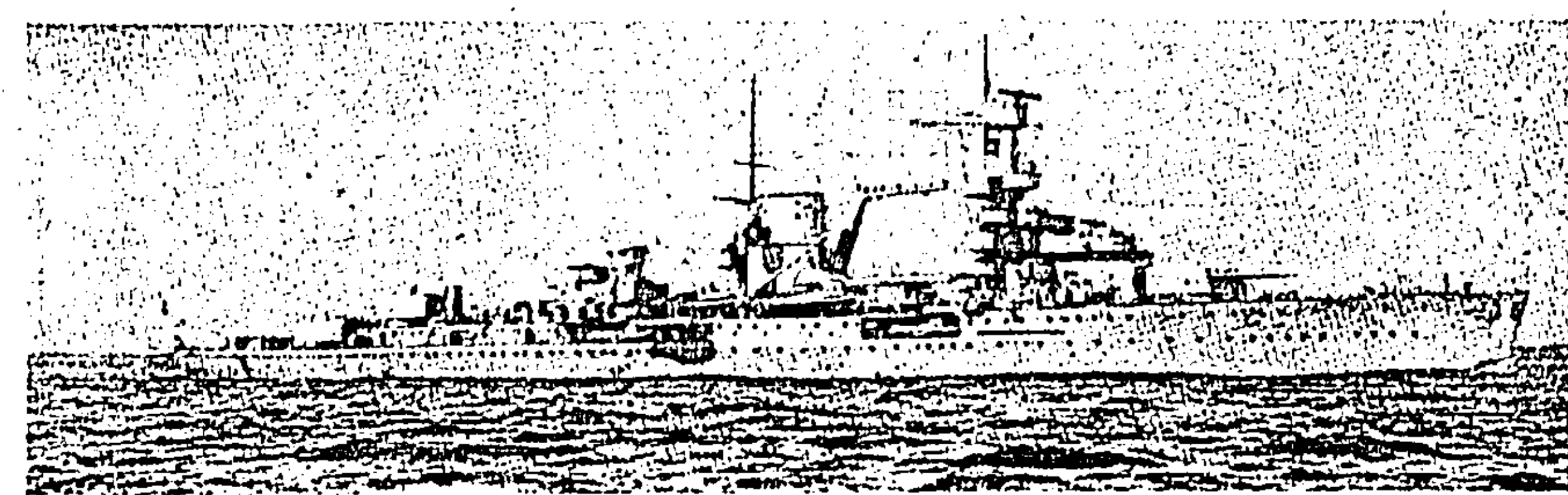
LT. CDR. BICKFORD WAS IN HONGKONG IN 1937

The man who sank the Nazi cruiser Leipzig was Lieut. Commander E. O. Bickford, who was in Hongkong until late in 1937 and is well known in sporting circles here.

Lieut. Commander Bickford served in Hongkong as First Lieutenant aboard H.M.S. Odin.

He was transferred from Hongkong in 1937 to take up the Submarine Commanding Officers' course at Fort Blockhouse (H.M.S. Dolphin, Portsmouth). He received his promotion in August, 1938.

Just over a year ago, and was then placed in command of H.M.S. Salmon on Mediterranean Station. He was still in H.M.S. Salmon when he performed his remarkable feat of torpedoing two German cruisers this week.



THE 6,000-TON NAZI CRUISER LEIPZIG

Soviet Soldiers Mutiny: Officers Shot As Battalion Joins Finns

LONDON, DEC. 18 (REUTER).—REPORTS OF DISSENSION AND EVEN REVOLT AMONG SOVIET SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS ARE RELAYED FROM STOCKHOLM VIA ESTONIA.

On Sunday night, it is reported, the men of a Soviet battalion north of Lake Ladoga mutinied, shot their commissar and went over to the Finns.

Finns Gaining Ground

To-day there were reports of disturbances among the civilian populations of Leningrad and Moscow.

Extraordinary security measures are said to have been taken and the more important institutions are being guarded.

Houses are being raided by the police and radio receivers are being seized.

It must be emphasised, however, that these reports have not yet been confirmed.

Finns Gaining Ground

LONDON, DEC. 18 (Reuter).—The fighting in Finland appears to be at its heaviest in the Karelian Isthmus, judging from reports coming in from all sources.

The Finns are believed to have gained ground in that area. They say that they have forced the Soviets back and have destroyed 30 tanks.

This report may be partly confirmed by the fact that, while Soviet official communiques give details of the operations in other fronts, they are suspiciously silent about the Karelian Isthmus.

Erecting New Defences

Although the Mannerheim Line is many miles deep, the Finns are still erecting new defences miles behind.

North of Lake Ladoga the Finns also seem to be doing well. Their batteries have destroyed three armoured cars, while Finnish aeroplanes have also been busy.

Fierce Frontier Battle

LONDON, DEC. 18 (Reuter).—The fierce battle which has been raging all night south of Kuopio on the Norwegian-Finnish frontier is still progressing.

Soviet troops have now occupied a great deal of Finnish territory along the Norwegian frontier although they have sustained heavy losses.

These losses are unlikely to have a serious effect upon their ability to retain the new positions owing to the large forces at their disposal.

Steady Advance

They have been steadily pressing southward since Friday.

Fifty Finnish soldiers crossed the frontier during the week-end. They stated that the Finnish detachments have taken heavy toll of the enemy.

At one point, they claimed, no less than 700 Russians were taken completely by surprise and were wiped out with small field guns and machine-guns.

Claims Soviets Crossed Norwegian Territory

STOCKHOLM, DEC. 18 (Reuter).—General Wallenius, the Finnish Commander-in-Chief, informed the Swedish newspaper, "Nyheter," that he was convinced that the Russian tanks attacked by way of Norwegian territory during the Salmiærvi operations.

CANADIAN TROOPS LAND IN ENGLAND

LONDON, DEC. 18 (Reuter).—The disclosure that the leading division of the Canadian Army, strongly escorted across the ocean and guarded by our main battle fleet, has disembarked safely and smoothly in one of our harbours for a period of intensive training before joining their comrades on the Western Front, was made by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a broadcast to-night.

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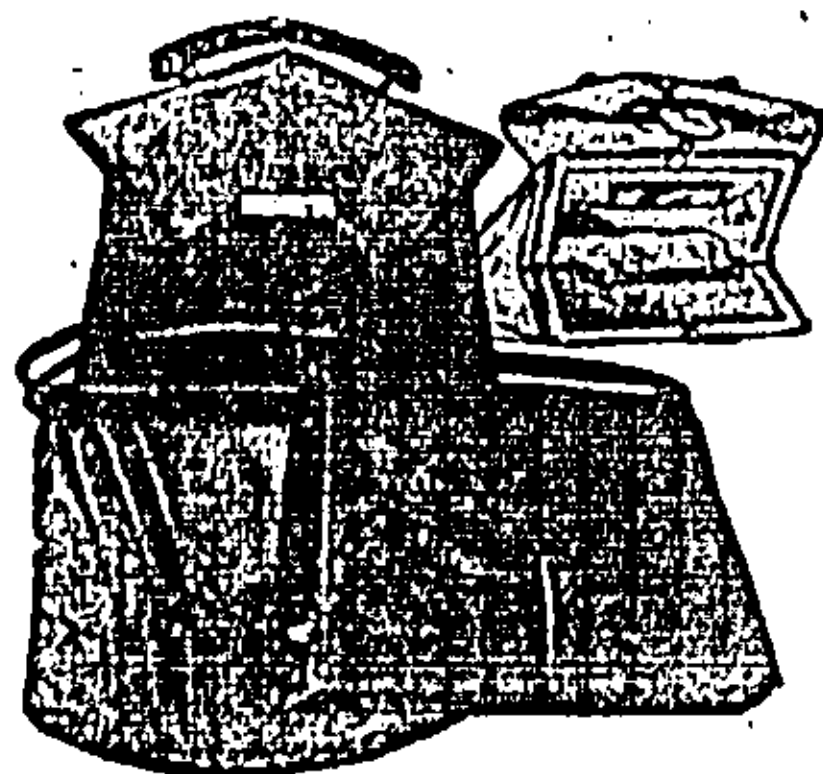
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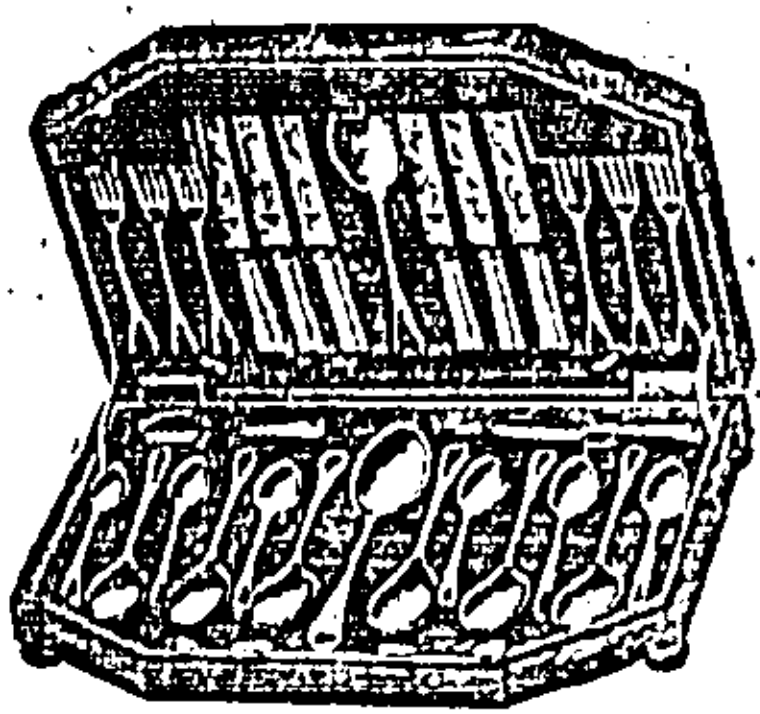


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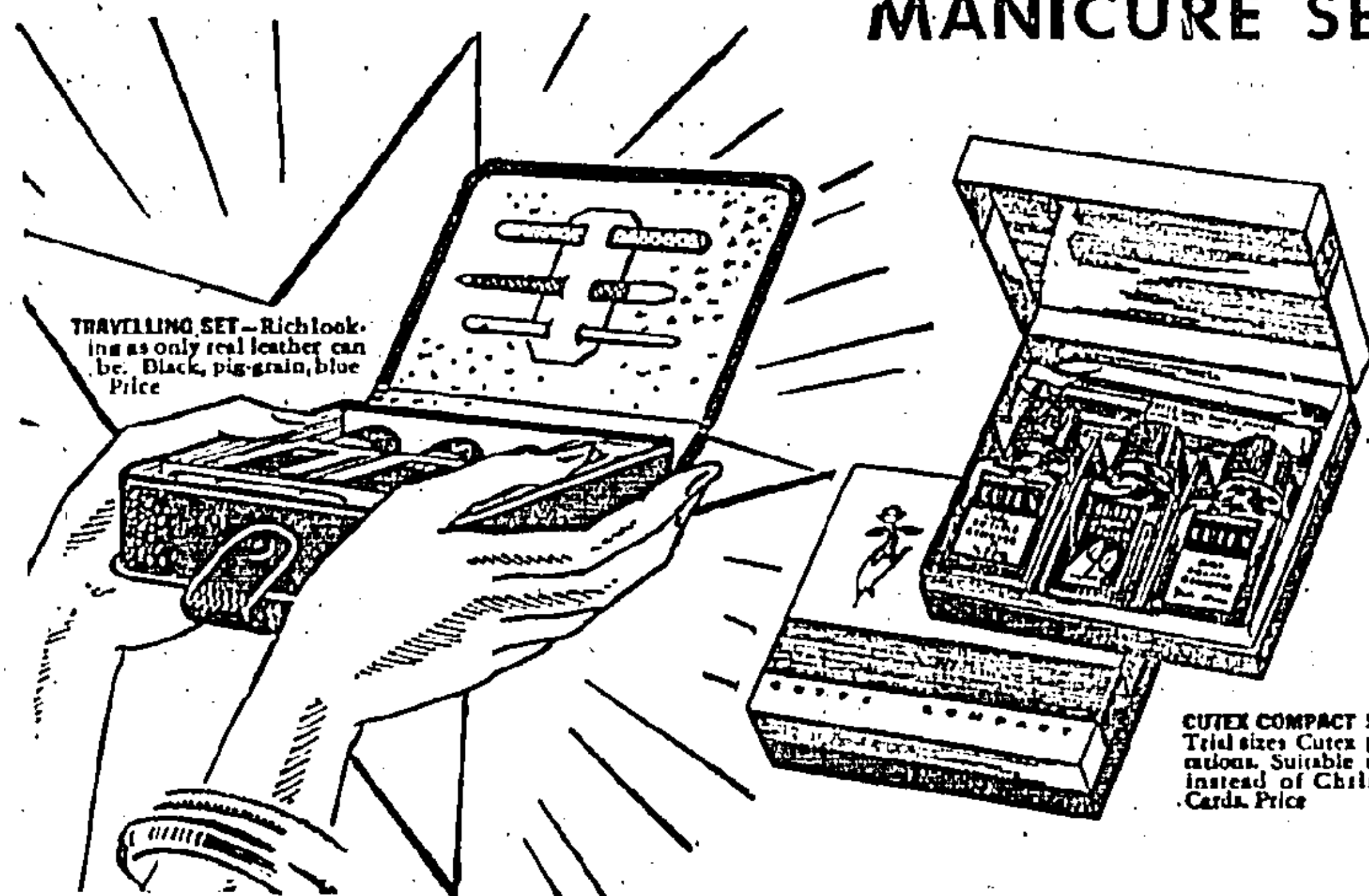
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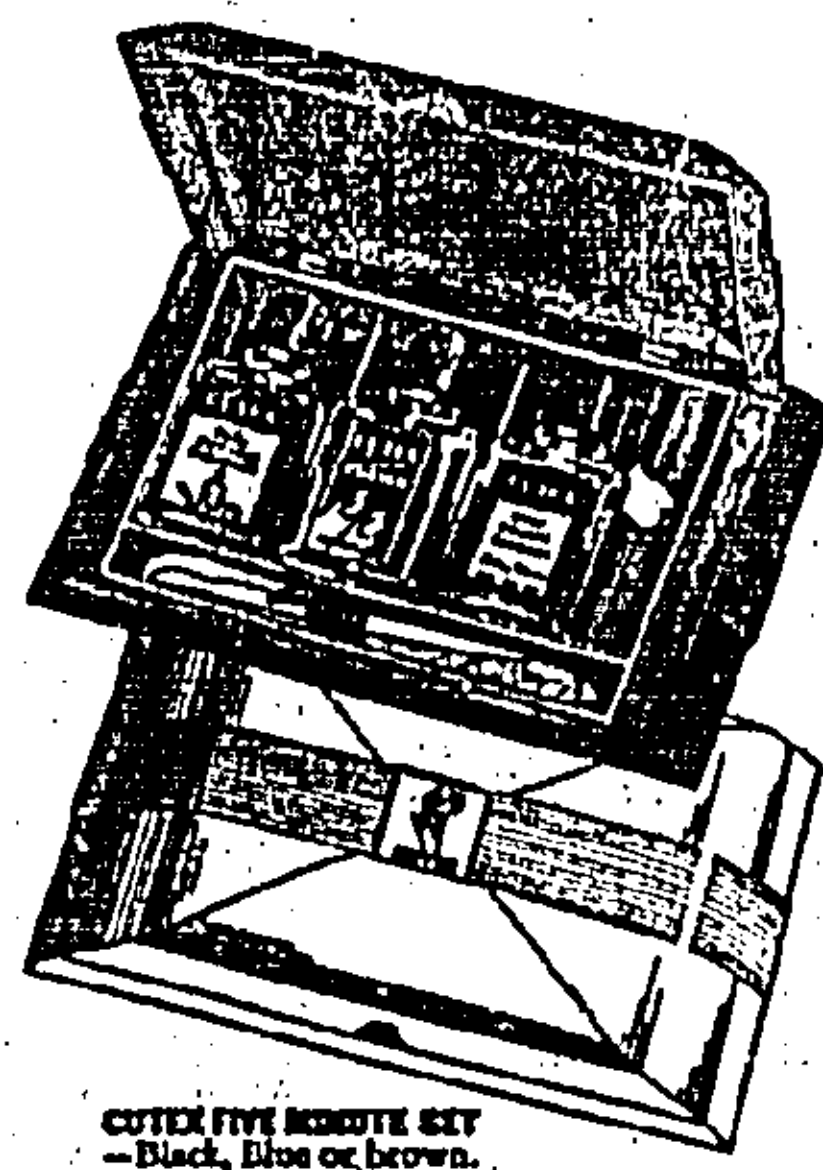


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RAIDERS PADDED RUBBER BOAT WITH THEIR HANDS

PADDLING their collapsible rubber boat with their hands, two German airmen who had been 48 hours adrift after their bomber had been shot down in the North Sea, landed near Whitby, on the Yorkshire coast, and were captured by a railway special constable.

This was the account of the capture given by George Thomas, the officer concerned.

"I was about 200 yards from Sandsend Tunnel when I saw a man standing at the entrance.

"As I approached, the man ran away and tried to climb some railings, but I caught him.

"Speaking broken English, he said that he and his companion were survivors of a plane crew of four. Two other occupants of the plane were shot and died when the plane came down in the sea.

Thomas took the airmen to Sandsend Station and police officers went for the other man, using the collapsible boat as a stretcher to carry him to the cliffs.

THEIR SOS 2
The previous night, distress signals were seen off Whitby and the Whitby and Runswick lifeboats put to sea, but failed to find a distressed crew.

The collapsible boat was fitted with life-saving and signalling apparatus. The airmen were taken to Whitby Cottage Hospital and the airmen said: "They are both getting on nicely and are not seriously ill. They are suffering from exposure."

The Air Ministry official announcement stated that the fliers were part of the crew of a bomber which was attacked by British fighters.

Mined Ship

MOTHER SEES BABY'S PICTURE

RE-UNITED: OTHER
CHILD DIED IN
HER ARMS AT SEA

LONDON, Nov. 20.
ONE of two babies who were lying
unclaimed in hospital at Harwich
after the sinking of the Dutch liner
Simon Bolivar was reunited with her
mother to-day.

She is ten-months-old Adriana
Knevel. A sailor diver into the sea
from a British ship to bring her to
safety. He also saved a seven-
months-old baby.

The mother, 35-years-old Mrs.
Anna Knevel, of Amsterdam, who
is in Colchester hospital, saw a pic-
ture of her baby in the newspapers
to-day.

The child was at once taken the 30
miles from Harwich to her mother.

"Anna Was Gone"

Mrs. Knevel smiled into her arms
only to break down again when she
told an Evening News correspondent
how her other daughter Anna, aged
eight, was drowned.

"I jumped into the sea from our
boat, clasping her in my arms," Mrs.
Knevel continued.
about in the water for what seemed
hours and hours. Then I was pulled
out of the water and landed safely.
I looked down at my child, but Anna
was dead.

"My husband is in hospital at
Shotley. Please give him a message
for me. Tell him that I am well—
that baby is safe—and tell him about
our Anna."

Another Briton
Mr. James P. Couper, a British
passenger, is one of those saved. His
home is at Gramere, Westmorland.

A strict guard was kept at the
Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool
street, over the 70 survivors of the
Simon Bolivar, who are temporarily
staying there.

Everyone entering or leaving the
hotel was questioned by the police,
and foreign nationals had to remain
until they could obtain permits, for
many had lost all their papers.

Brave Surgeon

Permits were not issued to the
Germans or German-Jewish refugees
among them.

There were many dramas of
reunion and separation in the hotel
to-day; one man, Mr. A. V. Grace,
who last saw his wife when he put
her in a lifeboat, was told by a
fellow passenger that he saw her
drowned a few minutes later.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

NAZI SACRIFICE SUNDAY

"One Pot Sundays" have been done
away with by the German "Winter
Relief" authorities, who realise that
it is difficult for Germans under
present conditions to create anything
else but one-pot menus in the normal
way.

Instead, every second Sunday in
the month will be "Sacrifice Sun-
day."

Those working for firms and or-
ganisations will have a sum equiva-
lent to 10 per cent. of their income-
tax or wages-tax—which applies in
Germany to very low wages—deducted
from their money during the winter,
as a contribution to the
"Winter Relief."

The latter, which purports to be a
charitable institution, is in fact a dis-
guised State super-tax, to provide
for the nourishment of underpaid
State labour, and to pay for arma-
ments and various items for Nazi
leaders which would look bad on a
Government balance-sheet.

Only Half For Necessity
The "Frankfurter Zeitung," in a
long article full of praise of the fund,
says:

"Should any ignorant persons have
asked year ago why do we have to
continue to contribute to the Winter
Help fund now that everyone has
work, then he would find his reply
in Dr. Goebbels's speech—to help all
those in need.

"Of course, of the 500,000,000
Reichsmarks—241,070,000—collected
in 1938-39," the paper adds, "only
about one-half was used for this pur-
pose, and even less would have been
used had it not been necessary to
help those in the Austrian and Sude-
ten provinces."

"Public Order Service"

Youths of the German minority in
the Poznan district of occupied
Poland are being trained in rifle and
revolver shooting by military instruc-
tors. They are to be called the
"Public Order Service"—for the ter-
rorisation of Polish inhabitants.
"No Foolish Fashions"

The chief of the Technical Office
for Clothing and Leather of the Ger-
man Labour Front has warned Nazis
that Germany does not possess suffi-
cient textile materials to allow the
manufacture of "foolish fashion
novelties." It would not be neces-
sary to manufacture paper suits or
cardboard shoes, but "modish ex-
aggerations of every kind must be
avoided."

It is denied that fashions will be
regimented to uniform style. In-
deed, it is claimed that the lead in
fashions has since the war left Paris
and been taken over by Vienna and
Berlin.

Stockings Rationed

Silk, artificial silk, cotton and wool
stockings and socks for men, women
and children—except for children
under the age of 3—are now rationed.

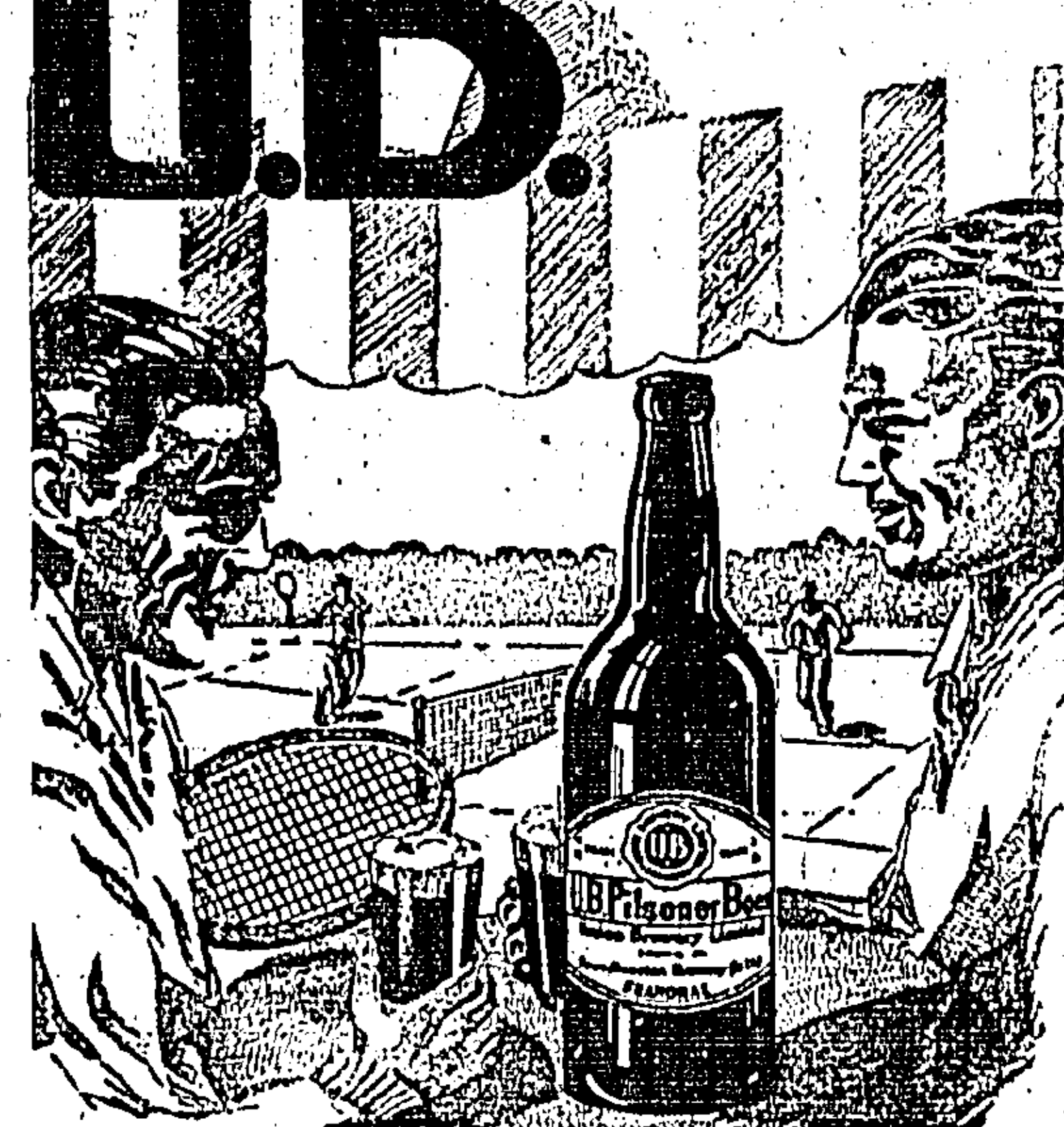
Women in Postal Service

The number of women in the Ger-
man postal service has been increased
from 43,000 to 75,000 since war broke
out.

Another, Mr. Wensvoort, a
Dutchman, saw a newspaper pic-
ture of his wife and two children,
safe at a Harwich hospital.

They are being brought to London.
A young British surgeon, Dr. H. C.
Hugh, it is disclosed to-day, tried to
attend the captain of the Bolivar as
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bridge, but the doctor was too late.

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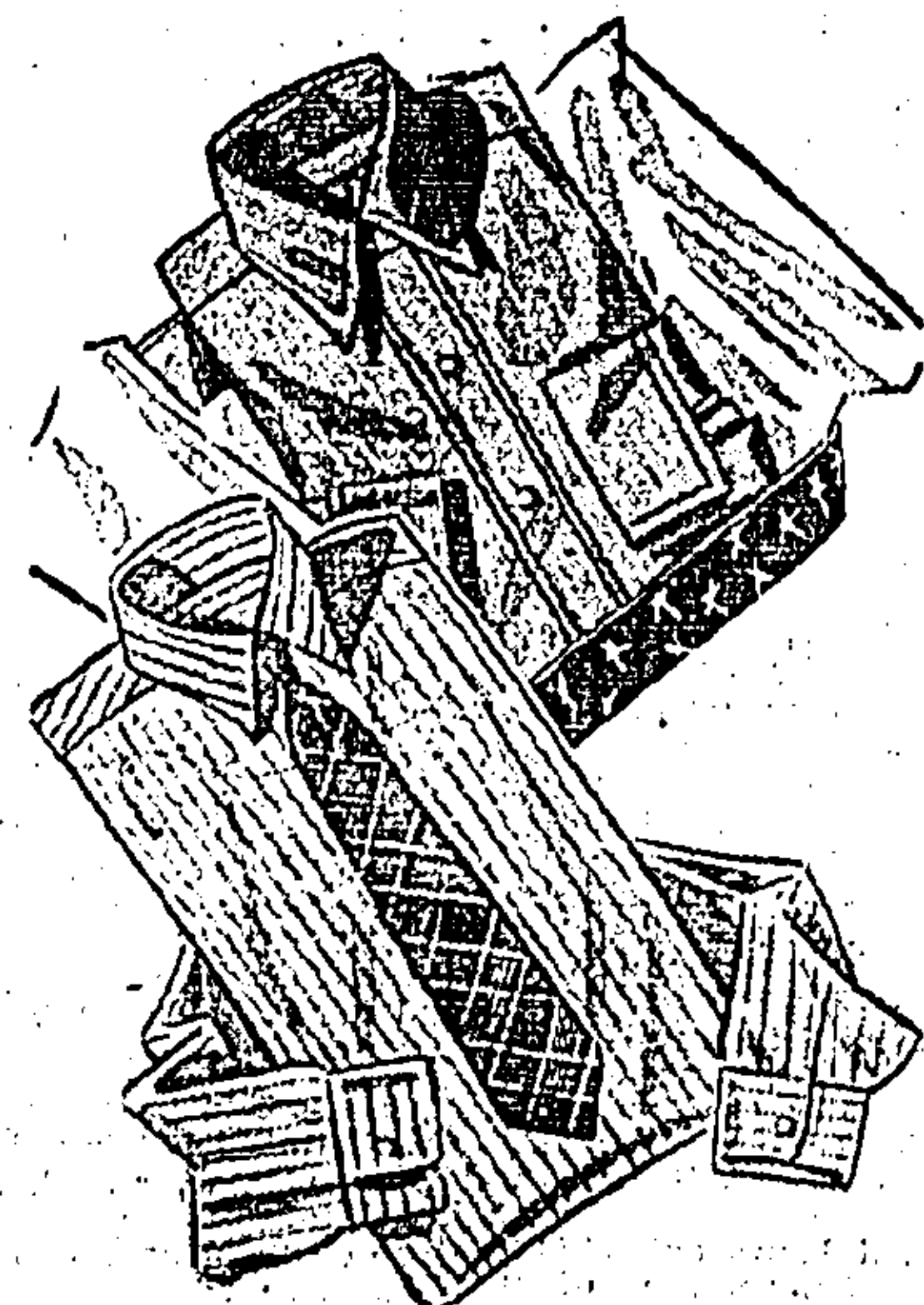
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THEY'LL BE SORRY IF THEIR "GUESTS" LEAVE

FOURTEEN weeks ago, when the war began, Joyce and Sadie Gardner, of Woodcote, Bethnal Green, E., cried as they kissed their bus-driver father good-bye and went off to their evacuation home in the country.

Now, with the 21 other small evacuees who are living in the ancient hamlet of Saxon Street, near Newmarket, Suffolk, they would probably cry at the idea of going back to London.

You see, in Saxon Street, which has only 100 inhabitants, they pride themselves on having the "supplest, healthiest, and best-behaved evacuees" in the country.

It was not always so. I have the authority of the billeting officer, Mrs. Beatrice F. Gent, for saying this. Saxon Street, picturesque little cluster of cottages in the heart of the country, did not care much at first for the idea of being invaded by bolsterous Cockney girls and boys.

"They Stay Here"

"But when the kiddies came, some of them looking so pale, our hearts went out to them," said Mrs. Gent. "And it will be a sad day when we have to part with them."

There is not much doubt in the village that it will not be until the war is over that they lose their evacuees.

"We hear about children being brought back to London from all over the country, but we have not lost one of ours," says Mrs. Gent with pride. "All through the village the kiddies are loving the little jobs they are allowed to do, especially feeding the chickens. We could do with multi-tudes of chickens, with the volunteers we have at feeding time," said Mrs. Gent.

Ambassador Becomes Private

M. Lipsky, the former Polish Ambassador in Berlin, has joined the newly formed Polish Army in France as a private soldier. Before leaving for camp M. Lipsky married Mlle. Rosset, a Polish lady of French origin, who escaped from her country after the German invasion.

At the same time in Paris the marriage took place of Miss Joyce Thompson-Schulze, daughter of Mrs. Drexel Biddle, the wife of the United States Ambassador to Poland, and Prince Alexander Hohenlohe-Ingelfingen, of the 81st Cavalry.

Several Bethnal Green mothers have been down to visit their children.

Of course there were difficulties at first. But the simple, kindly folk of Saxon Street knew that patience, common sense, and a little self-sacrifice could put things right. "And it's been worth it. You have only to look at the children," says Mrs. Gent.

Boy Shot A Bird, Became A Pacifist

PLEAS put forward by conscientious objectors before tribunals which sat in different parts of England included:

The Robin: "Ten years ago I was given an air-gun. I took it out and killed a robin in the garden. When I picked up the little robin I knew that I had committed murder."—C. V. Ashford, french polisher, Cloncurry Street, S.W.

He gave notice of appeal when ordered to engage in non-combatant duties.

The Vegetarian: "I am a vegetarian, and my conscience revolts against the killing of man or beast."

—Ronald Thompson, electrician's mate, Wakehurst Road, S.W.

His father said: "We have had a deuce of a job with him over this vegetarian business. His mother and I are meat-eaters, and carry on in the old-fashioned way."

Thompson was registered for non-combatant duties.

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The Godmother: Derek J. Hepton, science student, of Dalton Hall, Manchester, who was granted unconditional registration, produced a letter written by his godmother, stating that she was "entirely in support of Mr. Chamberlain and the Government in this war," but was satisfied with the sincerity of Hepton's views.

The Father: "Since I returned from the last war I have had a terrible struggle. For several years I did not sleep. To think that my son should be 'out there' would be agony."—The speaker was the father of J. B. Whines, woodworker, of Nightingale Road, W., who was registered provided he worked in agriculture or forestry.

The Boy: "When I was six years old a boy asked me where my father was. I did not know. I went home and asked my mother, and she told me he was killed in the war six months before I was born."—Reuben H. A. Strong, clerk, of Casanova Mansions, Stoke Newington. It was ruled that his objection was not based on conscience and his name was removed from the list.

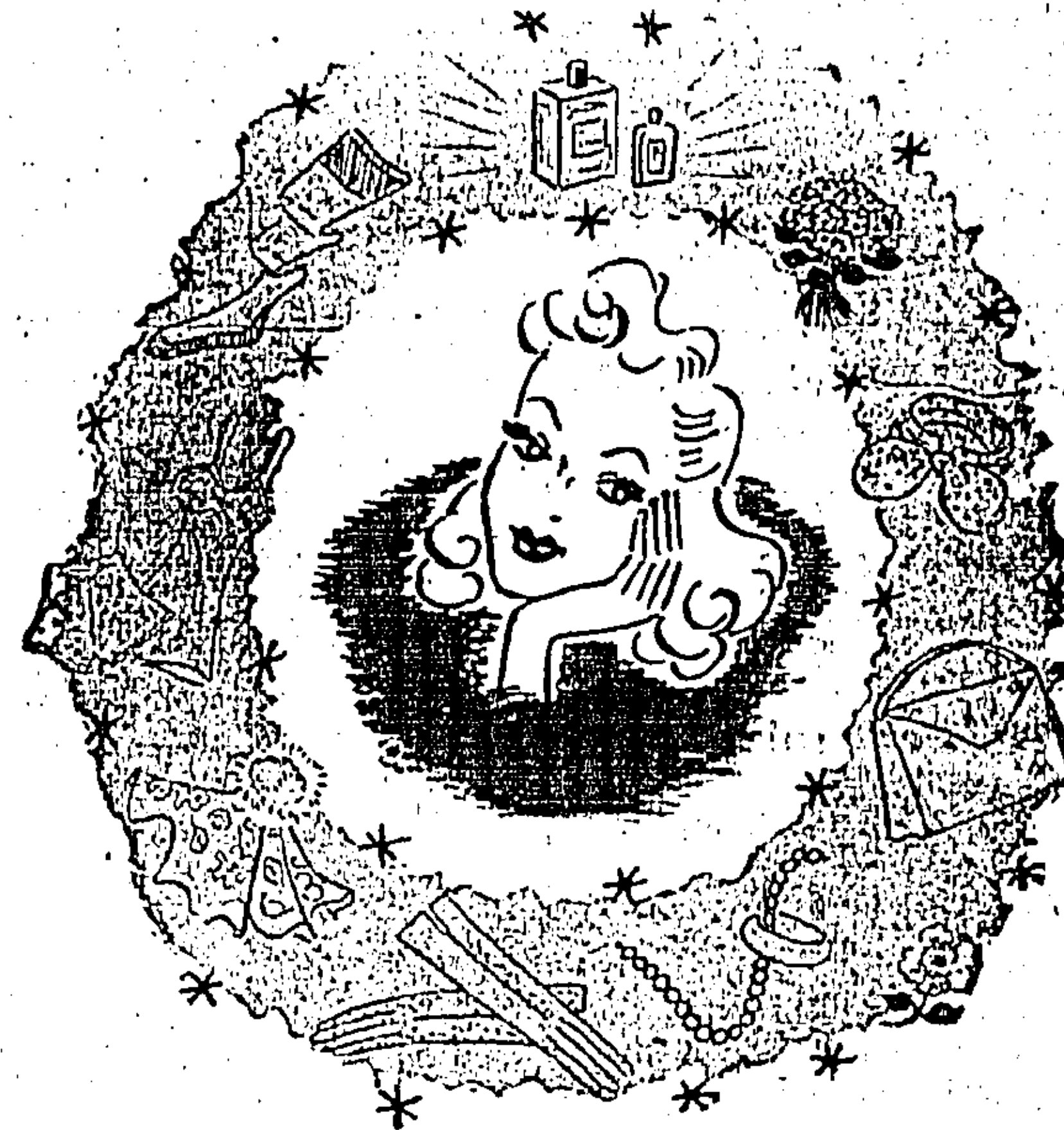
"Sin To Kill"

The Mother: "War is man-made and killing a sin."—J. L. Tyler, apprentice draughtsman, of Ferrers Avenue, West Drayton.

The father said his son could not help holding that view, as his mother suffered from the effects of air raids in the last war.

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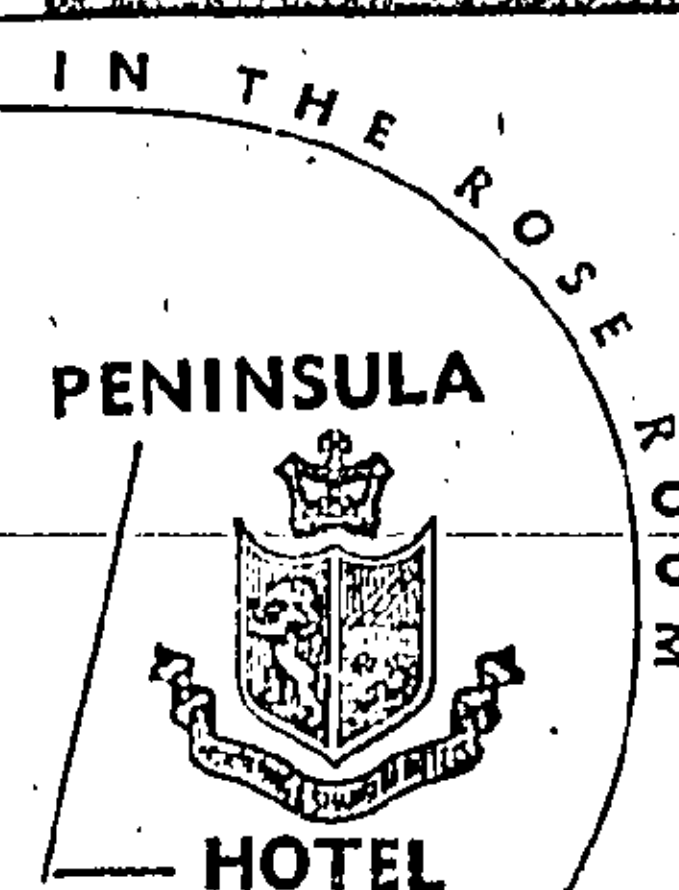
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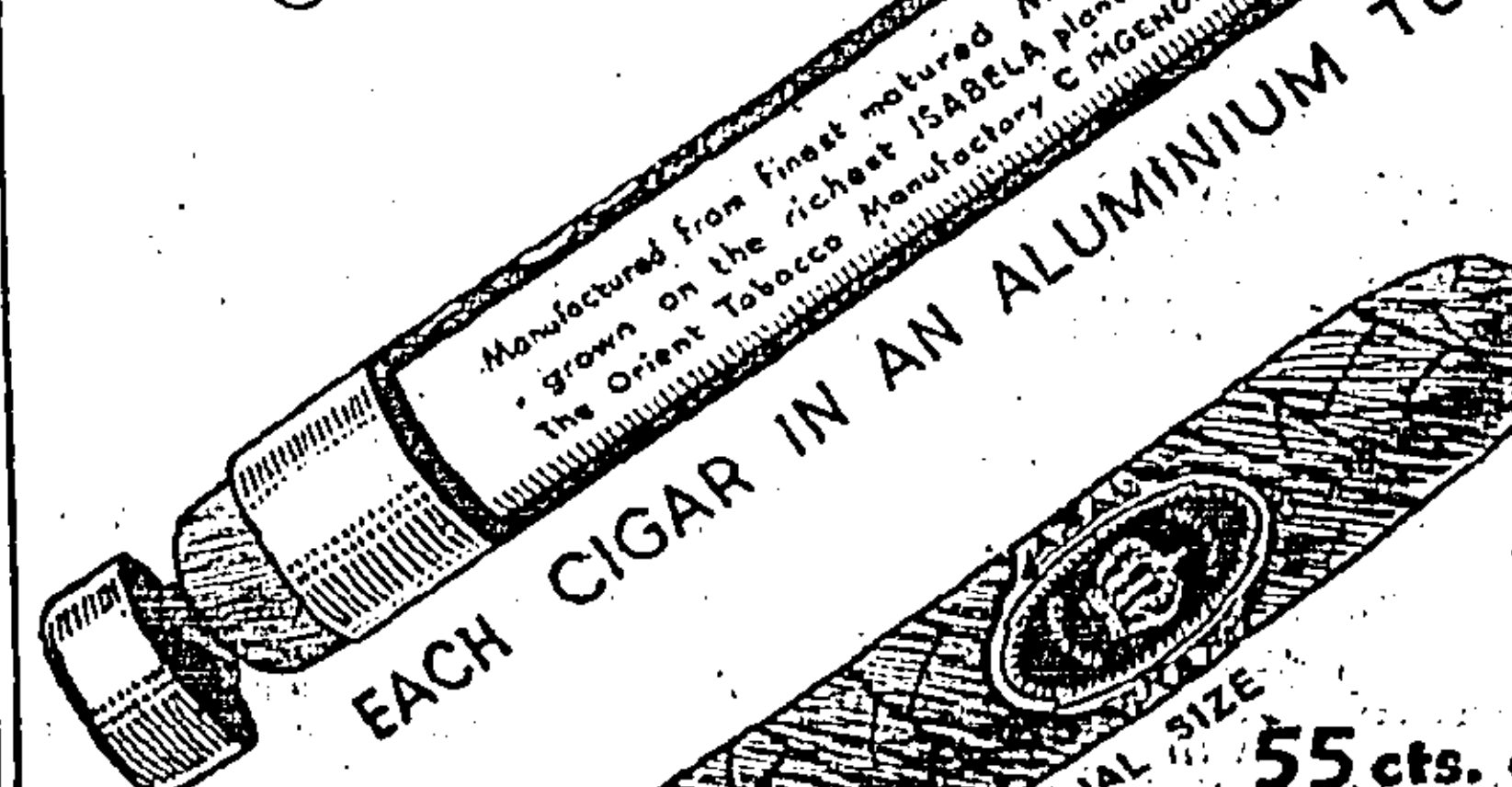
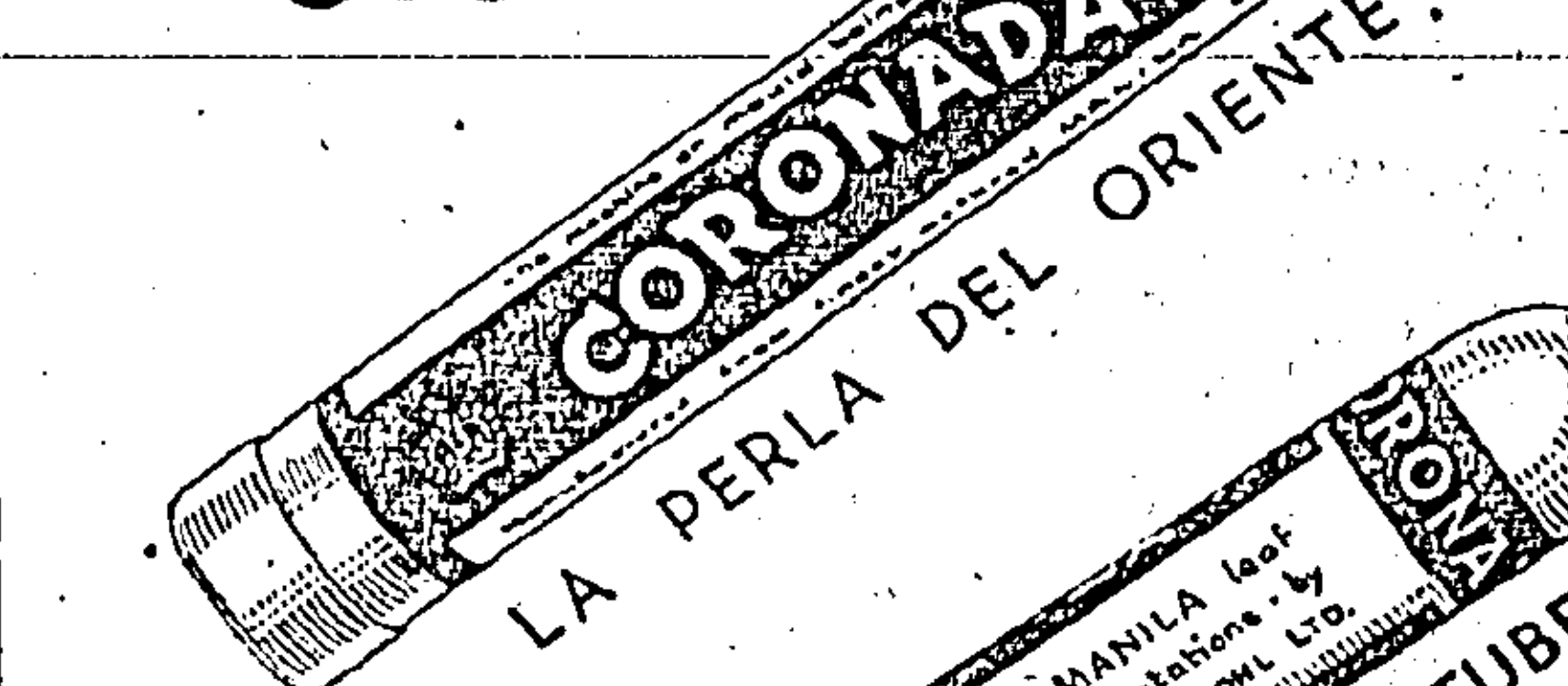
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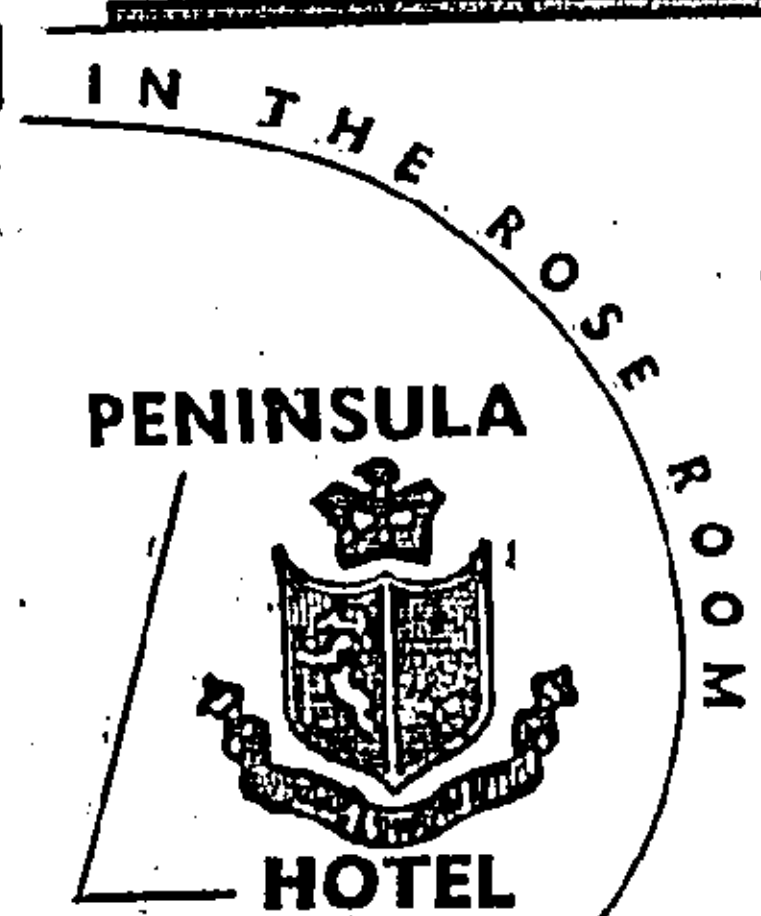
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More Troops Coming Durhams Leave Peiping

PEIPING, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A Durham Light Infantry detachment, which has hitherto been carrying out duty as British Embassy guard, left by train to-night en route to Hongkong, leaving one platoon of the East Surrey, roughly 35 men under two officers, to take over their duties.

Their destination, after Hongkong, is not disclosed.

Cherry Send-Off

The Durhams, who are being withdrawn in accordance with the British Government's decision to reduce the North China garrison, marched in full kit, wearing fur caps and heavy greatcoats on account of the cold, through the streets of the Legation quarter to the station, which is outside the quarter.

They were seen off by a large number of foreign diplomatic officials and military officers.

OBITUARY

Famed U.S. Columnist

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (UP).—Mr. Heywood Brown, the well-known columnist, died at 9.50 a.m., to-day after a brief illness.

His wife, son and brother were at his bedside.

Mr. Brown was unconscious for 24 hours preceding his death.

He received the last rites of the Catholic Church on Friday.

Slap In The Eye For Goebbels

India Laughs At Crude Propaganda

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A special commentary states that the "Berlin Chronicle" says:

"The Berlin broadcasts are daily trying to present the rulers of Germany as the friends of India. It is in keeping with their tradition of perfidy and hypocrisy that the Nazis, who only a few weeks ago were slandering Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru as 'agents of World Jewry', are now praising them for their stand on the war issue."

"They are sadly mistaken, of course, if they imagine that either by vilifying the British or by flattery that they can shake Nationalist India's firm Anti-Nazi position."

CHINESE CHOIRS

Musical Evening At St. Paul's Church

Over 300 members of the Union of Chinese Choirs, the majority women, entertained a large gathering with a recital of Christmas Carols at St. Paul's Church, Gloucester, last night. The Rev. Lau Yuet-sing, Chairman of the Chinese Churches Union, presided. At the meeting, held under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A.

Items were also given by the True Light Girls' School, who rendered "When Jesus was a Gentle Babe," (Tchakowsky); the Methodist Church Choir, "Rejoice in the Lord," St. Paul's Girls' School, "Far Away in David's City," The Hongkong Choral Society, "The Song of Miriam," (Franz Schubert); and the Christ Church and Hop Yat Church choirs singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel) and a selection from "Cantata" (Haydn).

A solo was also given by Mr. Koo Ki-kui, of Christ Church.

Dr. Yung Kai-tung was conductor for the Recital, with Miss Yung Mo-wan and Mr. Au Wai-man accompanists.

The evening concluded with the whole congregation singing "Joy to the World 'The Lord is Come'" followed by a blessing by the Rev. Lau Yuet-sing.

Others who took part were the choirs of Basel Mission, Baptist Church, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, Chichow Christian Association, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Church of Christ, Church of Christ, and Sun Oi Church.

HONGKONG SUBMARINE OFFICER SINKS NAZI CRUISER LEIPZIG

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have destroyed one as they did so, according to the ship's crew.

First Sighted Bremen

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Amplifying the recent Admiralty statement regarding the Bremen, another statement to-day discloses that when the submarine came to periscope depth to investigate, she found the Bremen steaming past fairly fast, but it was at once obvious that the liner would pass well within torpedo range.

In fact, it would be impossible for the captain of the submarine to have missed at such a great target had he decided to fire at it.

But the captain had definite orders from the Admiralty that the war at sea was to be conducted in strict accordance with international law.

The British submarine, therefore, set about carrying out the procedure required of it under international law.

Signalled Bremen To Stop

In spite of the fact that enemy aircraft were known to be in the vicinity, it came to the surface and made a special signal by a daylight signalling lamp, "Stop immediately."

The Bremen took no notice.

The commander of the submarine at once gave orders for his gun to be loaded in order that a shot could be fired across the bows of the Bremen.

Not until this had been done could the British submarine legally take offensive action.

Even then, responsibility for making provision for the safety of the Bremen's crew would have devolved upon the submarine—a matter of impossibility under the circumstances.

Forced To Dive

A warning shot was never fired—a German aircraft appeared overhead and forced the submarine to dive.

In spite of being forced to dive by the aircraft, the submarine could easily have fired six torpedoes into the Bremen as she dived, for she was already on the attacking course, but the dictates of international law could not be complied with, and so the Bremen was allowed to proceed on her way unharmed.

The Admiralty statement adds, "That is the true story of the sinking of the Bremen by a British submarine."

"It contrasts strongly with the reports which have been circulated by the German radio, which have not been substantiated by a single fact."

Sights German Fleet

Rather less than 24 hours after the Bremen had passed, the British submarine sighted two German battle-cruisers, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, and one pocket battleship with three cruisers in company.

Two of these new cruisers were new eight-inch gun ships, the Hipper and Blücher. The other was recognised as the Leipzig.

At first it appeared that the British submarine could be unable to do more than report the fact that the enemy was at sea, for the enemy ships were steering so that they would pass a long way from the submarine.

Just as the submarine commander was giving up all hope of being able to attack, the enemy cruiser altered course so as to pass within torpedo range of the submarine.

Six Torpedoes Fired

A few minutes later, the sights of the unseen and unsuspected submarine came on.

She fired six torpedoes on slightly different courses.

It would have been an easy matter for her to have fired all torpedoes at one cruiser and thus make certain of sinking one ship, but she fired them at different angles, hoping thereby to disable more than one ship and thus do more towards provoking a fleet action, for which the British Navy is forever hoping.

The first torpedo hit the Leipzig. There was a pause of only a minute.

Two Others Find Mark

Then two other terrific explosions told that two other torpedoes had found their mark—almost certainly upon the second heavy cruiser of the Blücher class.

The other three torpedoes obviously missed between the enemy ships.

The statement adds that the fact that there was no fleet action resulting in the annihilation of the German fleet was the fault of bad visibility and not of the submarine.

Hugo Air Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOBENDER, Jutland, Dec. 18, (UP).—Inhabitants of the outlying islands close to the German border reported that the biggest air battle of the war took place over the German air base on the island of Sylt between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., to-day.

They said it was best visible from the island of Roem and that 14 bombs were dropped with unknown results.

A few minutes after 10 a.m., the anti-aircraft guns on Sylt began a heavy fire. A "fog" of Messerschmitts went aloft but due to the misty weather no one was able to distinguish between German or British planes or see many of the details of the fight.

Apparently, the southern German island of Hoozum was also bombed during the course of the raid.

Carried 615 Men

The Nazi cruiser Leipzig, a 6,000-ton vessel, is a modified Königsberg type. She carried a complement of 615 men and was armed with nine 5.9-inch guns, six 3.5-inch A.A. guns and 12 other guns. She carried twelve 21-inch torpedo tubes and was equipped with two aircraft.

The cruiser was powered with Diesel engines of a total of 12,000 h.p., and could steam at 32 knots. She had a cruising radius of approximately 7,000 miles. The Leipzig

WESTERN FRONT Bitter Winter Weather Military Activity Dies Down

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Bitter winter weather prevails on the Western Front with low temperature, snow and strong winds.

Military activity has been less than on the previous day except in a fairly large area between the Saar and Vosges, where numerous patrols have been constantly passing.

German troops made another raid in this area, but were driven off by French fire, and the raids, as a result, were completely negative.

Tommy's Versus Nazis

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that towards mid-day a sharp engagement occurred in the Vosges area between one of our reconnoitring parties and German units.

We took some prisoners, including officers.

Ships' Wireless Sets Ban

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Foreign ships in the territorial waters around the United Kingdom are now forbidden to use their wireless sets except when communicating with specific receiving stations in Britain.

Such communications must be carried out in English, French or international code.

Distress signals are, of course, exempt from this order.

ARGENTINE TO INTERMEDIATE GRAF SPEE CAPTAIN, CREW

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anchorage right in the middle of the main fairway in only 25 feet of water, where she may become a danger to navigation.

Entire Crew Return

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Commander of the Graf Spee and the whole crew, except those wounded in battle, have arrived aboard trawlers.

The crew will be interned.

Hitler Forgets His History

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—According to a special commentary issued to-day, the scuttling of the Graf Spee constitutes an ignominious defeat for the German Navy.

The tradition of all navies, exemplified by the following:

1.—The famous fight of Sir Richard Grenville in the Revenge, which fought 33 ships single-handed in 1591;

2.—Admiral Craddock, who faced almost certain destruction at the hands of a vastly superior fleet at Coronel in 1914;

3.—The Spanish Republican destroyer, "Lola Diaz," which after undergoing repairs at Gibraltar in the Civil War came out and faced a powerful force of the Nationalist Navy.

The scuttling indicates not only a lack of will to fight, but the absence of confidence of final victory when the vessel, if interned, would have been restored.

GRAF SPEE VICTIMS

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upon the Graf Spee shelled and torpedoed her.

A few days later, she saw the Talara, which tried to get away and did not stop until the lifeboats, steering wheel and officers' quarters had been shot away.

She, too, was sunk by bombs from the Graf Spee's aeroplanes.

Comparison With Emden

The Graf Spee then returned to her supply ship and transferred to her all the crew and again produced the exception of the officers.

Finally on December 7, she sank by bombs the Tremsbahl, her last victim.

In two and a half months, she accounted for nine ships totalling 48,000 tons, which is less than half the damage done by the Emden, which was only one-third the Graf Spee's size, in the last war.

American's Comment

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Commenting on the sinking of the Admiral Graf Spee, Major Fielding Elliott, the noted American military commentator, says that "foreign hope has been again produced magnificent results, but foreign hopes are not in the German tradition."

The Graf Spee will raid no more and Argentine beef and wheat will continue to travel to ports in Britain.

was laid down at Wilhelmshaven (in the yards in which the Admiral Graf Spee was built) on April 18, 1929 and was completed in 1931.

"Very Handy Craft"

R.M.S. Salmon, the British submarine which sank the Leipzig, was a small type vessel of only 670 tons, and carries only forty men. She is equipped with six 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Of the Swordfish type, Salmon is reputed to be a "very handy craft" and is capable of "crash-diving" in thirty seconds. She cost £230,000 to build, was begun on June 10, 1933, launched on April 30, 1934 and placed into service on Mediterranean Station on March 9, 1935.

Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

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The Middlesex scored 93 for 8 wickets. They were without Man, who has hardly been able to play at all this season, though, I am glad to say, I am told he will be able to turn out more in the future. I doubt however if he will be preferred to Gross in the Army Triangular Tournament.

And that reminds me. The Navy are down to play the Club on December 30 and January 1, 1940 in the Triangular Tournament. I sincerely hope that they will endeavour to field a side. Would it not be possible to work in with the R.F.S. who are very keen now and run a side of their own? It would be a pity to let one of our few two-day games fade out. If they cannot do it, then I would suggest that a game Island versus Mainland be substituted. This should produce some very interesting cricket.

R. A. F. Crash

THE AIR FORCE batting was by no means up to their previous standard, and only C. M. King (18) reached double figures in a miserable total of 47. Y. T. Barma's 4 for 8 was the best bowling record. Nor did the I.R.C. do very much better, though at the end A. R. Safford ran up 21 not out. Waddington's figures of 10.5-3-24-6 were excellent, and indeed a hat-trick. They were all out for 72 runs.

Veterans At Cricket

IT WAS A PERFECTLY delightful day on Sunday last when two teams of over the age of forty-five met at the Kowloon Cricket Club for a most excellent lunch and a very pleasant afternoon's cricket. It was intended to be a sort of farewell to R. E. Lindsell, who is, I understand, retiring at the end of the season.

There were several people who had been quite well known as cricketers some years ago, but who have not played for a long time. Blaker, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Humphreys and C. C. Starks have not played, I think, for at least four or five years—much longer in some cases—while since 1930 E. W. Hamilton has only turned out in the Oxford and Cambridge match. On the other side Jex has not played for several years, and his excellent cricket kept playing the three extras were widely indicated that his retirement was premature.

The Hongkong side batted first, and the understanding was that the score of 25 called for retirement with the concession that the batsman could carry on to the end of the over. This (and getting on with it), has so signified by the fact that both Gillespie and Eric Mitchell got to 32 while T. E. Pearce was bowled at 30 trying to hit a 6 instead of a 4 to what account is that compared with square leg. McLeod also retired for such an excellent game?

AS I HAVE STATED, all the bowling was sadly lacking in length, that is, speaking of Hongkong. Parsons and W. Nash bowled very well for Kowloon though the former did not manage to get a wicket. They were both up against quite useful batting, and indeed, so far as the batting went, I rather thought that the side could hold its own against any second division team, if not a first division team!

It was a most enjoyable day and very pleasant it was to see some of the earlier cricketers turning out again. I, E. the Governor had intended to play but stood down at the last moment as an umpire. J. P. Robinson was at the other end. He must have been umpiring now for about twenty years, and for how many years before that he was playing for Kowloon I can't remember. I know he captained them somewhere about 1915 or so.

I cannot help thinking however, that there will be a certain number of people walking about extremely stiffly for the next forty-eight hours. I definitely know one who is. The unaccustomed effort of holding a bat (and getting on with it), has so cramped the muscles of his hands that he can hardly raise a glass to his lips, without spilling it. But of 30 trying to hit a 6 instead of a 4 to what account is that compared with square leg. McLeod also retired for such an excellent game?

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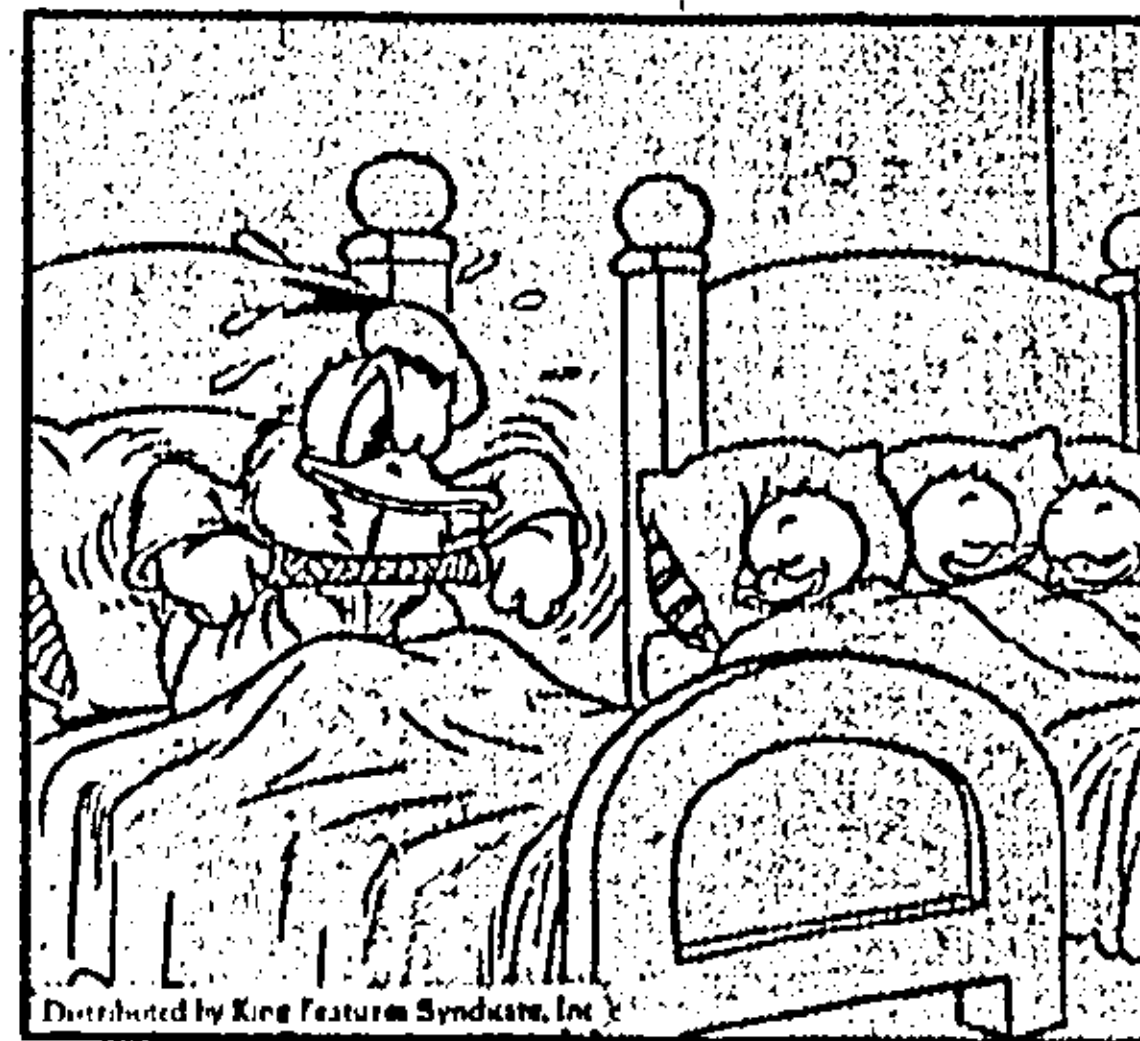
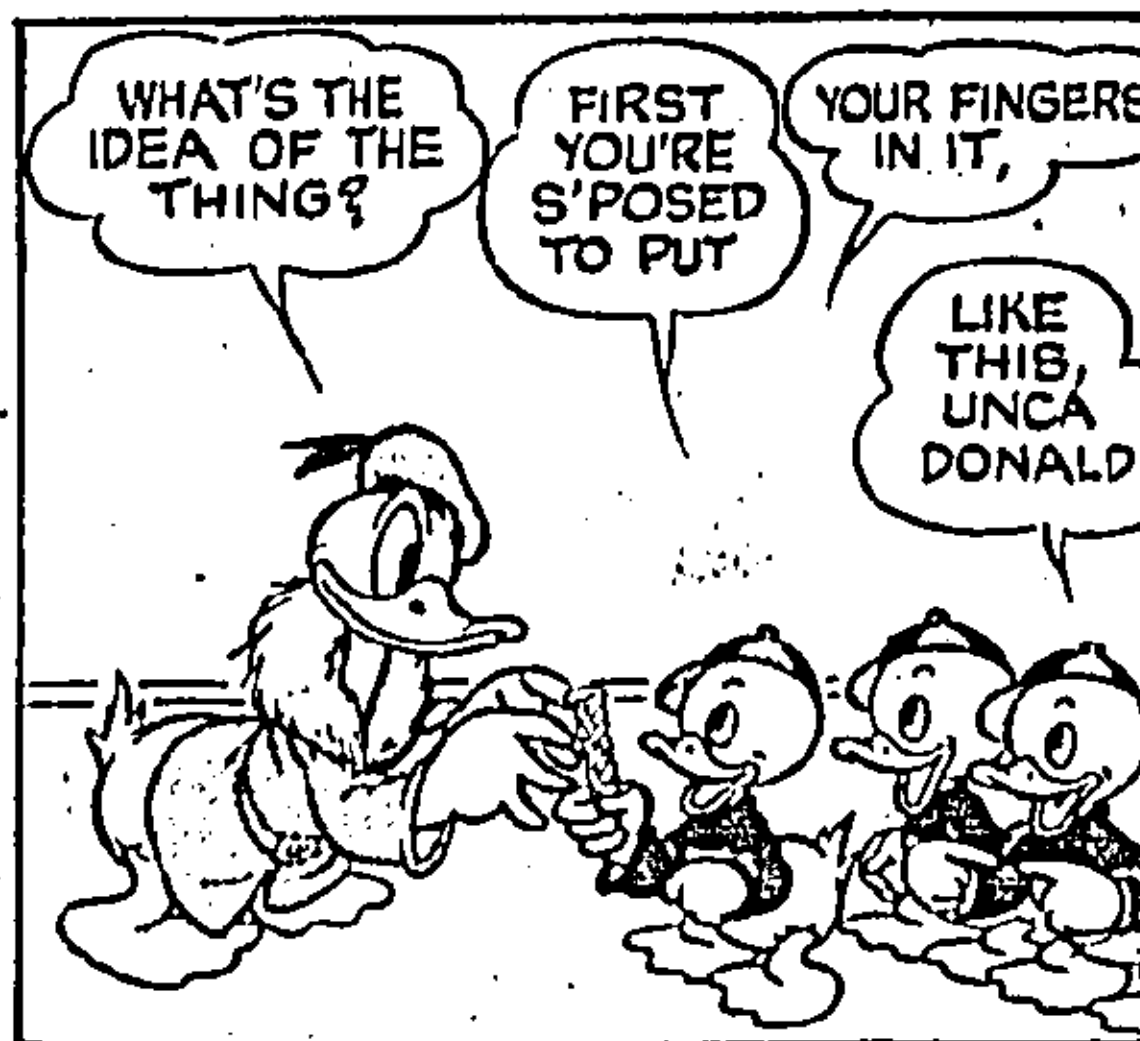
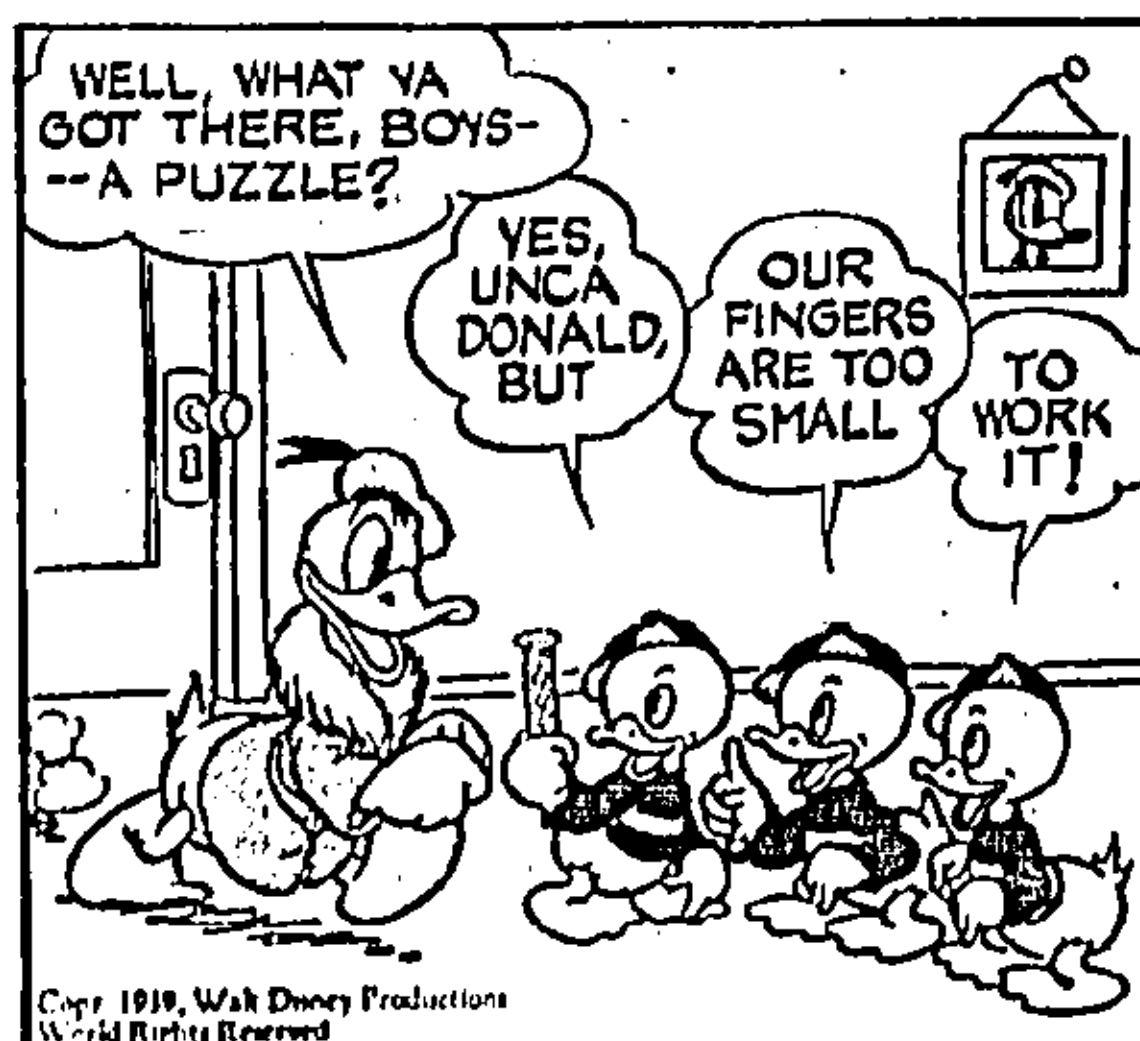
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Bright-colored flowers
- 2-Full up order
- 3-Act of eating
- 4-Pencil of light
- 5-Counting machine
- 6-Pls out
- 7-Mary's nickname
- 8-Toward
- 9-Hairdressing
- 10-University degree
- 11-Catch breath
- 12-Suburban plain
- 13-Small island
- 14-Hate speech
- 15-Zap
- 16-Division of extended room
- 17-Physic of strangled instrument
- 18-Kind of wrench
- 19-Cross letter
- 20-Unit of work
- 21-Ancient war-ship
- 22-Those who say false
- 23-Weak mental nourishment
- 24-Vie in ancient arena
- 25-Pool
- 26-Wearing cheerful aspect
- 27-Australian bird
- 28-Miser
- 29-Combining form
- 30-Horns of Abraham
- 31-Cat

DOWN

- 1-Type of umbrella
- 2-Art of making speeches
- 3-One layer to
- 4-Pennsylvania
- 5-India (abbr.)
- 6-African kingdom
- 7-Woman who foretells events
- 8-Mexican blanket
- 9-Member of legislature
- 10-Piece of cloth
- 11-Mist
- 12-Spiritual cast
- 13-Hermit
- 14-Old name
- 15-Intersection of lines
- 16-Form of headgear
- 17-Size of coal
- 18-Marches
- 19-Happy
- 20-North of common
- 21-Under
- 22-Winding curves
- 23-Occasional uncle
- 24-Relays of boats
- 25-Horse-mackerels
- 26-In manner of
- 27-Summer residence in India
- 28-Nothing
- 29-Beak of bird
- 30-Trip
- 31-Pig pen
- 32-South America (abbr.)
- 33-Met in

"Story So Horrible It Can Hardly Be Believed"

WHEN THE DARK AGE RETURNED TO REICH

Sir,—We the undersigned were appointed by the Home Office to act as "tribunals" at Richmond Camp in Kent to consider the cases of some 3,000 aliens whose status was changed by the declaration of war from that of "refugees" to "enemy aliens." They are all Jews by race or have Jewish blood in their veins. Among their number are some who profess the Protestant, the Roman Catholic, or other religions. In view of the difficulties placed in their way it is a matter of surprise that so many succeeded in getting away from Germany. Before passports were returned (they had been confiscated as a preliminary) and leave to depart given evidence had to be forthcoming of authority to settle in some other country.

The following requirements had then to be satisfied: 1. The passport had to be produced with a "visa." A large number of refugees got over this difficulty by selecting Shanghai as their ultimate destination. As a free port no visa, in this case, was necessary. The Government exploited this desire and even arranged for, or provided, sea transport. In the event the price of tickets soared, payment had to be made to the Government, and ultimately as to half in foreign currencies.

2. A receipt was required showing that the taxes had been paid, and also a receipt for the deposit of the fine imposed on Jews after the death of the German Military Attache in Paris.

3. An official certificate to the effect that his business, if any, had been sold and handed over to an Aryan.

4. A receipt for duty paid on clothes and furniture proposed to be taken away. In the later months this amounted to as much as 100 per cent.

In some cases, where passports were not returned, the German fugitive was compelled to purchase from the "Gestapo"—a Greek passport, and, fortified with this, after other requirements had been satisfied, was allowed to depart. The cost of this fraudulent document was 3,000 marks (approximately £250).

Allegations Proved

In the course of our investigations, from which the facts here have emerged, there has been so much corroborative evidence of gross ill-treatment that we think it right to make public some of the facts proved to our satisfaction. Constituted as separate Tribunals, we have selected cases proved before one or more of the Tribunals, and have only accepted such allegations as are corroborated and, in our opinion, proved.

The witnesses told their stories with obvious reluctance. They were afraid, in the event of identification, of reprisals that might follow against their relatives still in Germany. Further, before leaving a concentration camp each man was warned against ever saying what he had suffered or seen, or what he had "heard our spies everywhere."

The suffering of these unfortunate people took many forms. We feel that the most lasting injuries are intangible and will be measured for the rest of their lives in shattered nerves and broken confidence. One professional man, advised to try to forget what he had suffered, replied, "I can never do that. I dream so often about the concentration camp."

A distressing feature of a number of these cases is the inevitable breaking up and parting of families. We were told by husbands of wives and children still in Germany, with very little hope of ever being reunited. The man was arrested, or given a stated time in which to leave Germany, while the rest of the family had to remain. Since then, some have been able to remove their families to other countries—namely, France, the U.S.A., Chile, Bolivia, Palestine, and many to England. A large number, however, when asked about their families, give the answer, "I don't know how, or where, they are living."

The Box Of Ashes

We heard of cases where the arrest of a father was followed in a few days by the notification that he was ill in prison or in a concentration camp, the locality of which was not specified. A report followed later that he had died. In due course a box purporting to contain his remains were brought to the house with a demand for 500 marks—"the expense of cremation." No particulars as to the cause of death were forthcoming, nor was there any certainty as to the identity of the remains. In one case a widow, who had undergone this terrible experience, was arrested six months later on a charge of "making propaganda with her husband's ashes."

Indisputable Evidence

Reproduced on this page is a letter to the Editors of London newspapers, received from Sir George Bonner and five fellow-barristers who have been determining the status of refugees from Germany. It shows that much of what has been heard in evidence bears out the stories of Nazi brutality told in the recent British White Paper.

She was released, we were told, later, and the witness added, "one eye was gone, she was an old hag, and was half dead until she died of her injuries."

It was unlawful for a Jew to own property. We had innumerable cases where, deprived of his business, the Jew was not allowed thereafter to earn a living. A typical case was that of a general store where the shops were closed and the stock sold at some totally inadequate figure, arrived at by the authorities, to a party man. The purchase price, if paid at all, was then, by the incidence of fines or confiscation, reduced to a vanishing point, and the victim, after any payment made for clothes, was allowed to bring out of the country a maximum of 10 marks.

A Jew was fortunate if he was able to escape camp. The accounts of journeys by rail are almost unbelievable. As many as 10 to 15 men were accommodated in compartments provided for eight. When travelling in trucks or wagons there were as many as 40 to 50 in one wagon. On journeys which were taken from May to December, 1938, and which, at different times, varied in duration from 14 to 10 hours, they were given no food. Every one of these men had heard rifle shots on the train or had seen men shot down. It was a common occurrence for bodies to be removed when the train stopped at stations. On one specific journey, of which there was abundant evidence, three men in one wagon were shot and their bodies thrown out of the window because they had complained of the heat. On this journey we are satisfied that at least seven men were murdered on the way.

Tortures In Camp

On arrival at the concentration camp, young and old had to run between two lines of Black Guards, who beat them on the shoulders with sticks or prodded them with bayonets. Meanwhile, they were blinded and bewildered by a searchlight directed in their faces. We were told of old men falling down and being kicked on the ground. They were then carried away. Striking was common and uncontrolled. Such weapons as sticks, stones, shovels, bayonets, rifle butts, whips, and, in some cases, even knuckledusters, were used. Victims often confessed to statements by reference to scars, to crippled limbs, or missing teeth.

One man stated that, at a particular camp, he was thrown down, beaten, and stoned. His right leg and three ribs were broken, and after his leg had been set he was forced to walk with the leg in splints. Others told of an old man of 80 who had both legs broken and then died. Another was told by a guard to strike with a spade a friend of his who had formerly been a judge. In his judicial capacity the latter had sentenced two Nazis to death for a criminal offence. The witness refused to do it. He was immediately bayoneted in the arm and had to remain in hospital. Soon after the judge died in camp.

There were so-called "hospitals" in the concentration camps, and evidence was given as to the conditions prevailing there. One witness, a professional man, employed as a ward attendant, summed up the position. He saw many patients lying either on straw or bare boards suffering from severe injuries and as broken limbs or heat wounds. Others were suffering from exposure or from internal injuries caused by being trampled upon and kicked. He was positive that, in the three months during which he was so employed, there were 300 deaths from the injuries he described. No medical attendance and no serum was provided by the authorities, and the suffering were attended to by other internees. A doctor who had worked for six months in a concentration camp put the mortality rate during this period

at 10 per cent. Of course 15 per cent. had died from injuries and the remainder mostly from pneumonia or diphtheria. It was impossible to provide proper treatment for the latter.

It was a common occurrence for patients to be sent back to work while still suffering. A doctor of considerable standing in his own profession told of a patient, under his care in camp, who was so treated. Unable to do his allotted task, the sick man was made to carry in front of him a board on which were painted the words: "This man doesn't want to work." Thereafter, whenever he passed a guard, he was struck. The doctor stated that at last he collapsed on the ground, where he could be seen from the hospital windows, and in three or four days he died where he lay.

Some Punishments

Punishments (other than blows, which were commonplace) for talking or eating while at work or because the task was not being done to the satisfaction of the guard took various forms, of which the following are examples. They are by no means exhaustive.

1. On one occasion in January of this year practically the whole camp were compelled to stand for one night and part of the next day in night attire or in the thinnest of garments in the open air. We were told by several witnesses that in consequence of this exposure many men had died, some piling the number as high as 50.

2. In one hut 150 men were kept without light or fire for a month. The windows were boarded up, and they were allowed out for one hour in the 24. We were told, and had no difficulty in believing, that the conditions became indescribable and the effect on the men terrible.

3. A punishment common to every camp was one in which the hands were bound behind the back and the victim was then suspended from the branch of a tree by the wrists. The pain was said to have been excruciating, and the period of punishment, two hours, was generally cut short by unconsciousness.

4. The water punishment took the form of having to stand at attention, with the chin pointing upwards. A spray of water was then played on the victim. As long as the chin was kept up the victim was compelled to swallow. In the act of breathing, large quantities of water, as soon as he lowered his head either from exhaustion or discomfort he was struck on the chin by a sentry. Many men account for the loss of teeth in this way and, in the case of one man, a long scar on the chin, it was stated, was due to a blow from a rifle butt in the circumstances indicated above.

5. We were told of men being compelled to crawl naked along paths of broken granite. Their hands and knees were lacerated and they became exhausted through loss of blood.

Men were put to death in circumstances so horrible as to be almost unbelievable. Evidence was given before one of the Tribunals of a specific case where a man was seen being taken into an empty room between two "blackshirts." His cries for mercy were heard by men in the passage and in the adjoining room. Later he was found hanging from a beam. It was "officially" reported that he had committed suicide.

The men from whom we have heard these accounts represent every class—doctors, lawyers, rabbis, merchants, skilled mechanics, clerks, &c. There were few of the labouring class. The majority were well educated and obviously of considerable ability—many can speak and understand English.

We think we are justified in holding very strong views as to the brutalities which we are satisfied were inflicted on a large number of our fellow human beings for no other reason than that they were, by the accident of birth, non-Aryan. We find it hard to believe that a Government which permitted the treatment to which we have referred, or those who inflicted it, can any longer claim to be civilised.

Yours, &c.,

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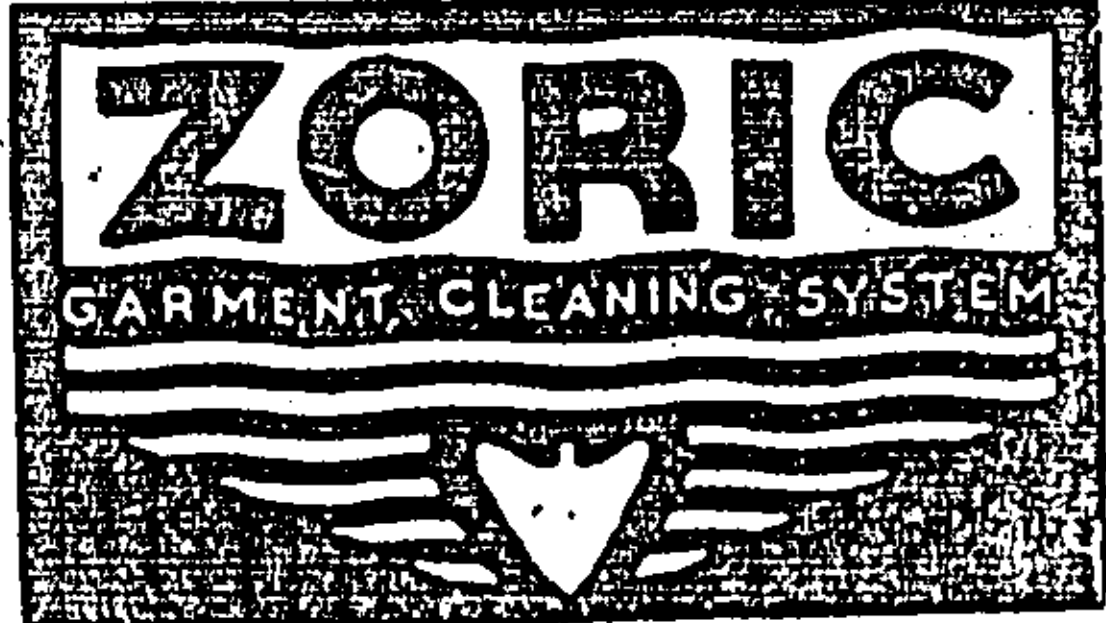
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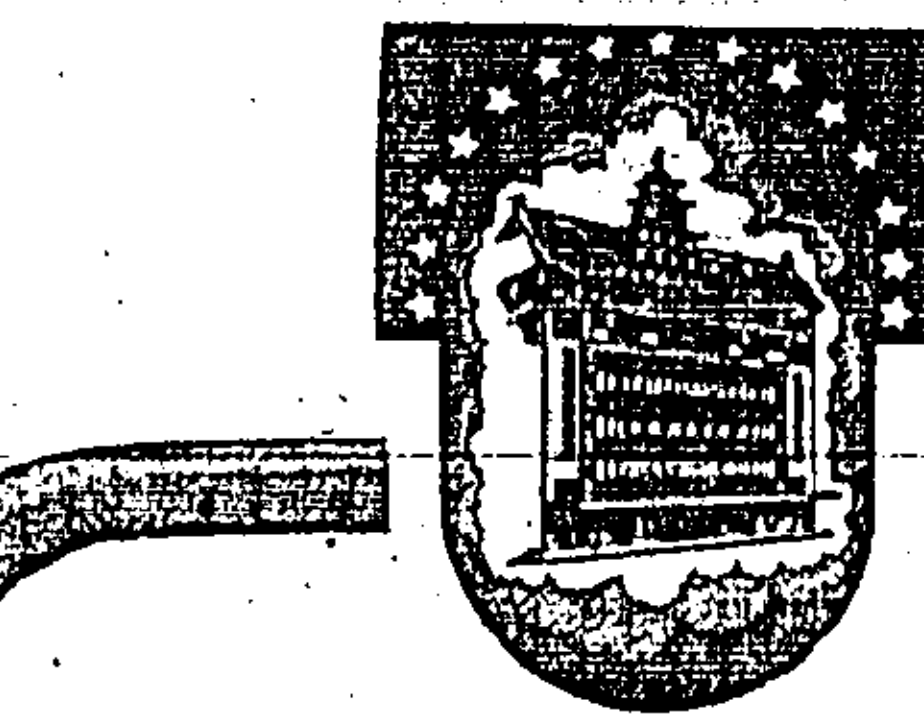
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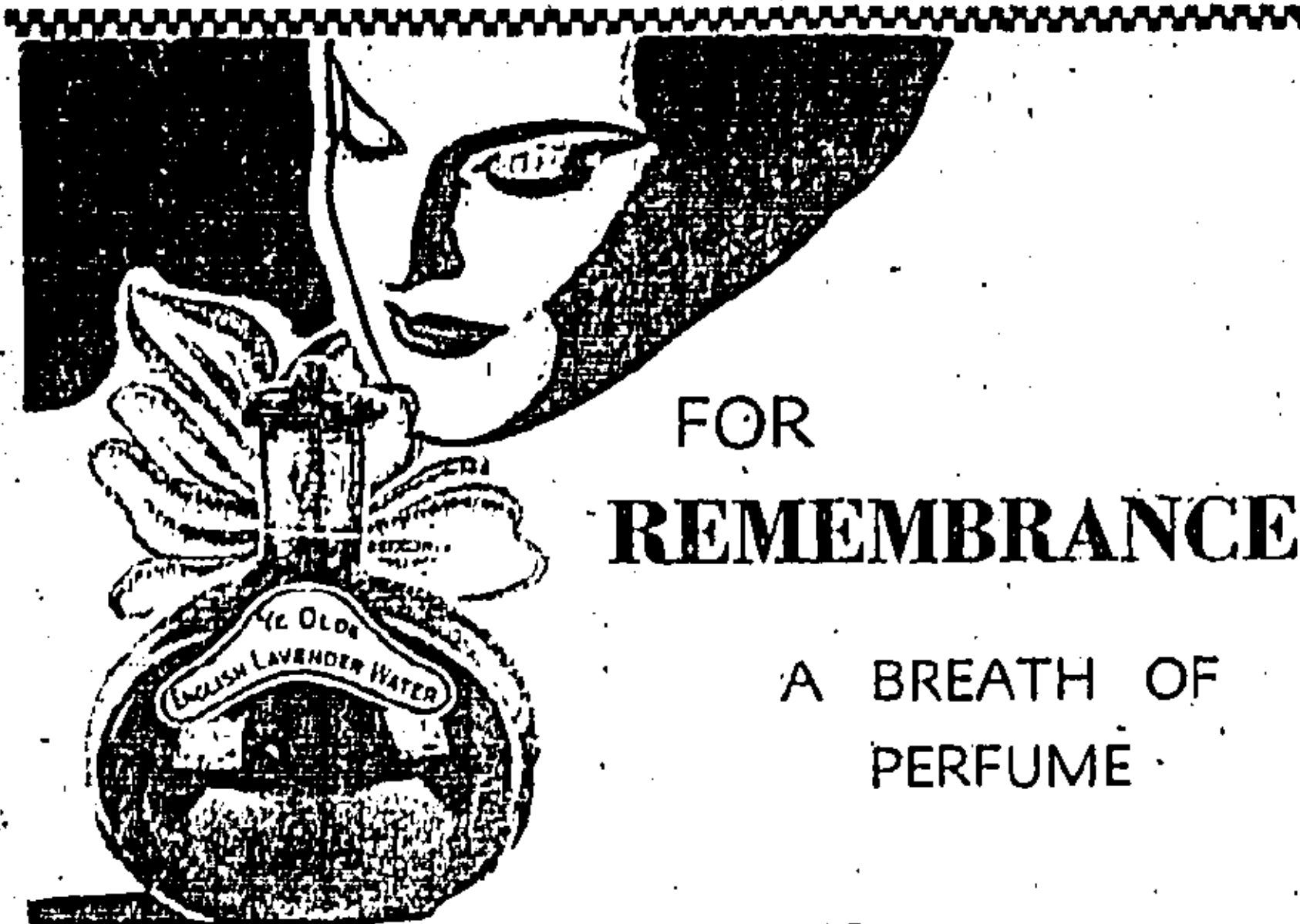
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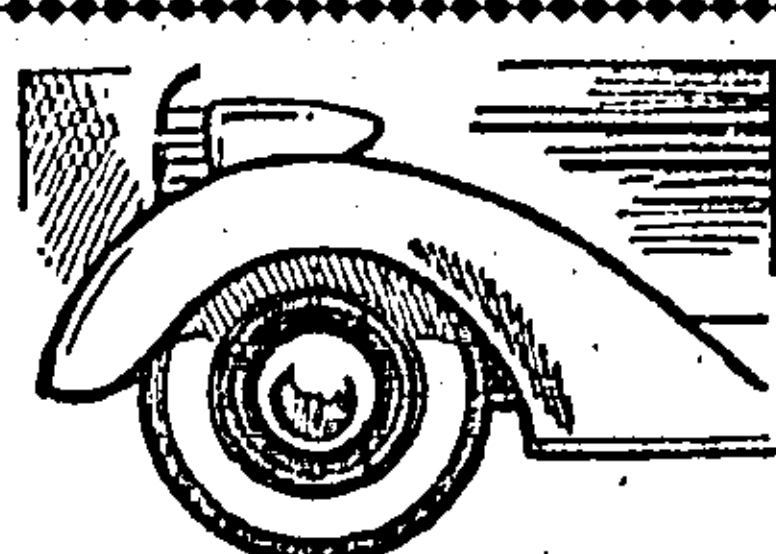


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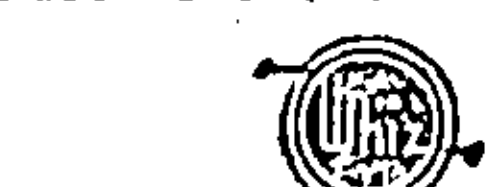
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German Home Front

In the last war the German attitude to food rationing was very much our own. It was approached gradually after acute shortages and unrest had appeared, and it became more stringent as the war went on. This time the German Government has started from the other end. Food rationing was brought in from the start of the war and it has been extended since. It is now on an extremely elaborate scale. At the same time there is an equally complicated rationing of clothing. In Britain the Government takes it as a virtue that English people do not have to put themselves to much inconvenience to meet the needs of the war and avoids rationing like the plague. The Germans take the opposite standpoint. Their Government boasts that it puts the screw on hard at the beginning. Now, it claims with pride, it is possible to relax a little. This no doubt is the consequence of the unexpected course of the war; the Germans counted no more than we did on such a relatively inactive war, and it is characteristic that they should attribute the relaxations (such as they are) to the superior courage of the Führer's administrative measures rather than to the unpredicted way the war has developed.

It is important in estimating German strength and weakness to keep in mind the thoroughness of this organisation on the home front. Rationing is only one aspect of it. The German worker has been compelled to give up his eight-hour day and is working a normal ten-hour day at the same time rates. But he is now to receive the concession that his extra earnings are not to be taken away from him by taxation and that if, exceptionally, he does work an eleven or twelve-hour day he will get his old overtime. Holidays were stopped, but are now to be reintroduced. The ten-hour day is to be sweetened by the general establishment of works canteens and by the giving of extra food allowances through the factories, allowances which will be used in the main for the canteen meals. Extra pay for night work was stopped but is now to be given again. Women are only exceptionally to work at night. Christmas-boxes are to reappear. Compulsion to work is only to be applied after the most careful examination and in cases of absolute necessity. It would be



THE RETREAT TO AND FROM MOSCOW

Hitler has lost, in the Admiral Graf Spee, one of the most valuable warships in his fleet. What of the remainder? Will they be as easy to trap as the Admiral Graf Spee? Has Hitler many such ships? These topical questions are answered below.

HITLER is trying to convince the world that Germany is a great naval Power. His propagandists have claimed that Germany now commands the North Sea.

More likely than not Hitler's boast is a hope for the future. Just as he described the Siegfried Line as invincible long before there were more than half-a-dozen machine-gun nests ready, so he relies on four or five 35,000-ton battleships which were laid down in Hamburg, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven in 1937 and 1938. They were scheduled to be completed in 1941-42. They may be ready sooner.

For the time being Germany's biggest battleship is the Scharnhorst, of 20,000 tons with nine 11in. and twelve 5.9in. guns, thirty A.A. guns, four aircraft and two catapults.

The Scharnhorst is certainly a formidable vessel. But so was her sister ship, the Gneisenau, which was certainly seriously damaged, and may have been sunk outright, in the British air raid on Wilhelmshaven.

There are, of course, better and more carefully built German warships. With the construction of these ships Hitler and his Nazis had little to do. They were planned and laid down before he came to power. They are known as Germany's pocket-battleships, the Deutschland, the Admiral Scheer, and the Admiral Graf Spee.

Only two of these remarkably efficient ships of 10,000 tons now remain. One the Deutschland, is known to be at sea. The Admiral Graf Spee is destroyed. No one knows where the Admiral Scheer is at present.

Their captains and crews can hardly be proud of the tasks to which Hitler put them in the past. The Deutschland was sent to Spain during the Civil War. She had no business there and Hitler is the only one to blame because a Spanish plane bombed her by mistake, killing twenty of the crew and wounding seventy.

Hitler's revenge for this mishap was a typical example of frightfulness. He sent the Admiral Scheer to bombard the defenceless Spanish town Almeria. Almeria was destroyed. Innocent women and children were killed. The world was shocked.

The Deutschland encountered the British Navy before this war began. During the crisis in May she made suspicious moves in the Mediterranean. The British battleship Hood never left her until she reached German waters.

The third of the group—Admiral

dangerous to assume that these measures of control on the home front are so stiff that the German workers must be driven inevitably towards revolt. It would be a wiser judgment to note them as examples of the energy with which Germany is throwing her organised strength into the war. And although her methods may not be ours her energy and foresight are something we should be foolish to despise.

What is Hitler's Navy?

by Willi
FRISCHAUER

Graf Spee—was one of the last German warships to visit a British port. She attended the Coronation Naval Review in 1937.

The rest of Hitler's fleet cannot compare with the British Navy. The Nuernberg and the Loepzig, both of 6,000 tons, are his two outstanding cruisers.

With the Koenigsberg, model for another class of German warships, she visited Portsmouth a few years ago. The Koenigsberg, however, does not always wait for an invitation. She gate-crashed the British naval and air manoeuvres off the East Coast in 1938.

A little smaller, but highly efficient too, is the Emden, 5,400 tons with eight 5.9in. guns and four torpedo tubes, namesake of the German raider which made her name during the Great War.

I could tell you about many other Nazi ships: about the Koeln, which was a world-cruise when Hitler came to power and was the first German ship to be greeted by

the Fuehrer; about the Schleswig, which is only a training ship, built in 1909, but is put to sea as a warship like her sister-ship Schleswig-Holstein.

Soon there may be a number of new German warships ready, bigger than all those mentioned. The Bluecher and the Admiral Hipper were on the Nazis' 1938 programme. The Prinz Eugen was launched only recently.

There are also destroyers of a smaller size—the D. von Roeder class and the Maass class—torpedo boats, most of them built in 1926, depot-ships, mine-sweepers, escort-and-patrol vessels and tenders. Two aircraft-carriers, each for 40 aircraft, are being built.

The most difficult craft in the Nazi Navy to assess are the submarines. There were 15 ocean going submarines when the war started. The total number of German submarines was roughly 60.

More than 20 of them were sunk by the British and French Navies within seven weeks. Twenty had to return to their home bases for repairs. The rest are still at large.

But there will not be many Nazi submarines to bring Hitler any good news for Christmas.

...and who are his soldiers?

SOME Tories in this country—seven perhaps some of those who rule us—would like to see the old "military masters" of Germany return to their full power.

Certainly, any sane man could well prefer the narrow and brutal, but honourable and dutiful, traditions of the Prussian officer class.

But a book published to-day, The German Army, by Herbert Rosinski (Hogarth Press, 12s. 6d.), reveals, with terrible precision, the decay and death of that old tradition, and the emergence of men in the leadership of the German army whose fate it is to be dominated and destroyed by the criminal tyranny they helped to fasten on their country.

Dr. Herbert Rosinski was until recently an instructor in the theory of warfare at a German Staff College: he is an admirer of "the real aristocratic tradition" that used to rule the German officer class. It is because he holds to this tradition that he is a refugee.

From the inside, as the personal acquaintance of generals, and a trusted official of the War Ministry not only before Hitler's access to power, but for three years after it, he tells a story of intrigue, reaction, selfishness and murder.

Fighting against each other, against the Parliamentary system and their own Governments, the leaders of the German army tried to use Hitler: as a tool. They had, long before, paid him to

be their agent in the petty politics of Munich beer-halls. Now they tried to make him, in Dr. Rosinski's words, "a political cover to camouflage both the rearmament and the military dictatorship" that they desired.

These officers thought of themselves as the "real dictators" behind the Nazi dictatorship. Whenever a dispute arose between themselves and Hitler, they referred the question to old Von Hindenburg, the President.

By that means, for example, they got General von Fritsch appointed Chief of the Army Command against Hitler's wishes. Fritsch blocked Roehm's plans for amalgamating the army and the Storm Troops.

Then Hindenburg was known to be dying. Who would now arbitrate? They planned to get Hitler completely in their power by forcing him to murder his own friends, the so-called revolutionary wing of his party.

For weeks they haggled in secret over the lists of those to be assassinated. Hitler accepted their terms. He murdered Roehm, his personal friend; had thousands of others shot. But Hitler, by taking old Von Hindenburg's place, and by using the Gestapo and the S.S. to control the army, became the General's master, not their tool.

The men who had haggled with him over names for death in 1934 were Von Blomberg and Fritsch, then all-powerful in the Army. Today Von Blomberg is in prison. Fritsch was killed, in mysterious circumstances.

The other leaders of the German Army have step by step surrendered to Nazism. They cannot now escape. T. W.

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1889.
The prisoner who escaped from the chain-gang at Kennedytown in June last year pleaded guilty. He was serving ten years imprisonment, commencing in 1883, at the time, and was ordered to complete his sentence and afterwards undergo two years' further imprisonment.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1914.
It is officially announced that in view of the state of war arising from the action of Turkey, Egypt will henceforth constitute a British Protectorate. The suzerainty of Turkey is thus terminated. The British Government will adopt all measures necessary for the defence of Egypt and the protection of the inhabitants.

Although it is not to be expected that motion pictures can be secured which show scenes of actual fighting in Europe, it is satisfactory to know that the cinematograph is placing on record incidents in the great crisis which will not only prove of much interest in years to come but which have, of course, great attraction at the present time. Cinematography has reached a wonderful scientific pitch and its possibilities appear to be unlimited. It is a form of entertainment which requires no aid to ensure its general appreciation, whether to interest, instruct or amuse; animated photography is ever obliging.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1929.
Saying that all who had given earnest consideration to British naval needs viewed the proposed reduction of cruiser tonnage with apprehension, Earl Denny, one of Britain's foremost naval commanders in the Great War, issued a warning against the precipitate naval disarmament, in the House of Lords yesterday. He declared that Britain was approaching the London Naval Conference with figures representing a dangerous minimum in cruisers. The advent of a German 10,000-ton warship, so fast and powerfully armed that a battleship was the only effective counter, was mentioned during the discussion.

February, 1930, will see a complete change in the telephone exchange system of Hongkong. Then the automatic will supersede the present system.

There are many blocks of new Chinese houses being built on the new Praya reclamation, and also in other parts of the Colony. It is a disgrace to allow some of these houses to be built in the way they are.

In view of the widespread disappointment felt that Hongkong did not this year compete in the Interport Rifle Shoot, Mr. C. H. Summers, the late Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle League, and others approached Mr. H. Wylie with a view to calling a meeting of those previously connected with the League at which the question of re-constituting the League and making arrangements for future Interport events could be discussed.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1934.
In the presence of the Emperor, the Japanese Privy Council plenary session to-day unanimously approved Japan's decision to abrogate the Washington Treaty.

Further restrictions on the supply of water on the island are to come into force as from Friday. The revised hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eleven is not affected by the curtailment.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Italians Feel Disappointment

ROME, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—"Incredible" was the exclamation of naval men when they heard of the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The scuttling is taken as proof that the Admiral Graf Spee was more badly damaged than admitted in Berlin.

Naval men here consider that it would have been a better move on the part of Berlin to submit to internment rather than to condemn a fine ship and a fine crew to ignominious suicide without a fight.

Aerial Co-operation

London, Dec. 17.

Illustrating the work done by the Royal Air Force in safeguarding British and neutral shipping, coastal command aircraft have saved several merchant ships from destruction by mines.

A plane was on patrol when the forward gunner observed two mines some distance apart in the shipping fairway off the British coast. It was becoming too dark to enable the plane to destroy the mines by machine gun fire, so the pilot turned and flew off in the direction of some minesweepers previously seen.

He attracted their attention by lights and guided them to the mines which were blown up by the sweepers' guns.

This was accomplished an hour after the mines were sighted, and an hour later merchant ships passed safely through the area.—Reuter Special.

Valuable Prize

Montevideo, Dec. 17.

Captain Charles Pottinger, master of the British steamer Ashlea, one of the prisoners on the Graf Spee, stated that his personal library had been seized by the Germans.

It included Winston Churchill's "World Crisis", which was read with great interest by Captain Langsdorf, who afterwards passed the book to his officers to study.—Reuter Special, Press.

America And Japan

Conciliatory Attitude In Tokyo Talks

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The Asahi Shimbun, in a special dispatch from Washington says that Senator Vandenberg said: "I am of the opinion that the United States should recognise Manchukuo on condition that a satisfactory agreement is reached between Japan and the United States on all pending questions."

He opposed the cessation of trade following the expiration of the treaty on January 26, but, "If Japan and the Soviets conclude a non-aggression pact I believe that an embargo against Japan will come into effect immediately."—United Press.

Talks In Tokyo Continue

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The third interview between the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, and the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, on the proposed adjustment of relations between Japan and America took place this afternoon.

A Foreign Office communiqué says that the interview was held at the request of Foreign Minister Nomura and the discussion of various questions arising between the two countries in the course of the China Affair was continued for an hour and a half.

The conversations were conducted in a "mutually constructive spirit for the purpose of surmounting the obstacles to the friendly relations between Japan and America."

During the interview, Foreign Minister Nomura communicated to Ambassador Grew that the Japanese military authorities on the spot have decided to make preparations for a conditional re-opening of the Yangtze River in view of the relaxation of the military necessity on the lower reaches up to Nanking.

The spokesman of the Foreign Office said that during the interview the Foreign Minister explained to the American Ambassador that various restrictions on the American rights and interests in China have arisen either as unavoidable consequences of military operations or as a natural corollary of the reforms which have been in progress simultaneously with the long-term reconstruction in China.

Foreign Minister Nomura pointed out that the Japanese Government have hitherto put forth sincere efforts for the settlement of the so-called pending questions between Japan and the United States and it is their intention to continue such efforts.

"It is greatly regretted in this connection that Japan is misunderstood in some quarters as if she were intending to act in an exclusive and monopolistic manner," the Foreign

END OF GRAF SPEE DESCRIBED

Captain Langsdorf and Officers are Safe

New York, Dec. 18.

From the roof of the Montevideo Hotel the New York Times correspondent saw Captain Langsdorf and other officers standing at the salute in a launch and watch the Admiral Graf Spee as she sank.

Captain Langsdorf pressed an electric button at the horizon, dyeing the sky a brilliant red.

The button was on the end of a long cable leading to the explosives planted in the magazine.

Its effect was terrific. In 10 minutes the flames were roaring along the entire length of the ship, accompanied by constant explosions. She burned for 10 minutes and the explosions continued to the end.—Reuter.

Waiting For Tacoma

Montevideo, Dec. 18.

Shortly before sailing the Graf Spee put her wounded ashore and transferred 700 of the crew of the German steamer Tacoma. Then, followed by the Tacoma, she slowly steamed from the harbour and anchored. The remainder of the crew, Captain and officers took to the boats.

Two British ships are watching for the Tacoma which is still in the roadstead of Montevideo.—Reuter.

Captain Makes Protest

Montevideo, Dec. 18.

Crowds ashore watched the flame-twisted wreckage of the scuttled Graf Spee as Captain Langsdorf left for Buenos Aires protesting that the Uruguayan Government forced him to sink his ship, ending the first big naval battle of the war, and apparently beginning a diplomatic incident, as Germany is expected to protest at Uruguay's refusal to extend the 72 hour period granted to the warship to repair the damage.

All night long the hulk was in flames, its superstructure showing six miles off Montevideo after three gigantic and a number of smaller explosions at 7.50 p.m.

Captain Langsdorf boarded an Argentine naval launch, taking some of the officers and crew, of whom 350 were transferred to the Tacoma.

A German steamer, which returned to Montevideo harbour at mid-night, arriving boats have reported that some of the Allied warships have already departed to resume patrols of the South Atlantic. The Exeter arrived at the Falkland Islands, carrying 61 dead and 23 wounded.

The exact means of the destruction of the Graf Spee are being kept secret. Reports suggest a time bomb electrically exploded.

Meanwhile Captain Langsdorf has sent a letter to the German Minister protesting at the refusal to extend the time limit to the requested 15 days on the grounds that the Hague Convention covers the repair of belligerent ships in neutral ports.

That an official Uruguayan naval commission examined the Graf Spee and saw that her fighting power had suffered little, while her seaworthiness was materially impaired.

That the utmost was done, but time was insufficient and Customs officials halted civilian workers for several hours.

The Cabinet's decision not to allow shelter was a "flagrant violation of the aspirations for humanisation of warfare", guiding the Hague Conventions.

That the discrepancy between the friendliness of the Uruguayan people and the action of the Government tends to the supposition that pressure was exercised "by interested parties".

That though Captain Langsdorf did not recognise the justice of the Government's decision, he would abide by the time limit.

Meanwhile it seems certain that the American Governments, including the United States, will immediately make efforts to prevent another naval battle within the safety zone.—United Press.

Tacoma Captain Arrested

New York, Dec. 18.

The New York Times says that the Captain of the Tacoma was arrested for taking out his ship without permission.

The men of the Admiral Graf Spee aboard the Tacoma have been interned.—Reuter.

Eye-Witness Account

Montevideo, Dec. 18.

A correspondent states, "I watched the Graf Spee blown into wreckage as I flew 2,000 feet above the estuary."

"Bombs sent the battleship to the bottom after the crew had been removed."

"After scanning the surface for British warships I had just turned back and looked directly at the Graf Spee when a huge flash of fire leaped through the single funnel and black smoke belched."

"The sun had just set opposite the midship section, 45 degrees, along the line of flight when the first blast came."

"My first impression was of a Pittsburgh blast furnace and then whether the concussion would affect the plane, but there was safety in our height."

"The second blast broke through the vessel near the bow, and smoke hid the bows."

"The pilot dived close and it seemed that the right wing almost touched the warship's stern when a third blast tore through the after deck. Smoke hid the ship completely."

"Meanwhile, all the crew were standing on the deck of the Tacoma, facing the smoking ship."—United Press.

Hitler Decided

Berlin, Dec. 17.

The semi-official D.N.B. news agency has issued a statement saying it was decided to sink the Admiral Graf Spee after Uruguay had "refused time to make her seaworthy."

Hitler personally ordered the scuttling.—United Press.

German Admission

Berlin, Dec. 18.

Official confirmation that the Admiral Graf Spee was sunk on orders from Hitler himself is contained in a High Command communiqué.—Reuter Bulletin.

Hitler's Express Order

Berlin, Dec. 18.

The German wireless announced that Hitler ordered Captain Langsdorf to scuttle the Graf Spee because Uruguay declined to extend the time limit.—United Press.

Hitler's Indecision

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.

Hitler's decision to sink the Graf Spee was arrived at only after arguments lasting for several days with the naval chiefs and technical experts, according to what Reuter's special correspondent in Amsterdam learnt from Berlin.

The possibility of making a dash out of Montevideo with a skeleton crew was discussed at great length, but the naval experts said the vessel should on no account fall into British hands.

Much as it went against the grain, Hitler was finally convinced that sinking was the only course.

It is now probable that a special Christmas fund will be started throughout Germany to raise contributions to build a new Graf Spee.

"as a present to Hitler from a grateful nation."

Decorations will be showered on the captain and crew of the Graf Spee.—Reuter.

New Tradition

Berlin, Dec. 18.

Commenting on the Graf Spee, the German wireless this morning says, "The Graf Spee fulfilled her task excellently. She went into a fight very courageously against a superior enemy and damaged him badly. The battleship gave a performance which may be set up as a model for German sea warfare."

The wireless alleged that the British Admiralty had to weaken its home fleet to search for the Graf Spee, which, it is claimed, had done "terrible damage to British trade in the South Atlantic."—Reuter Special.

Comparisons Unfavourable

London, Dec. 18.

The Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled to the complete surprise of the general public, as well as most naval circles who expected the raider either to submit to internment, try to escape along the coast or to Buenos Aires under cover of darkness, or, alternatively to emerge with broadsides in a blazing effort to take a British ship to the bottom with her.

It is suggested here that the anti-climax of the Admiral Graf Spee's career as a raider will have a detrimental effect on German prestige in South America, as well as settling many difficult problems for German propaganda born of the necessity to counteract the comparisons between the Admiral Graf Spee and the British armed liner Rawalpindi, and the brilliant record of the Emden in the last war.

The name of Spee evokes recollections of one of the most notable German admirals who, after his victory at the Battle of Coronel on November 1, 1914, went down to defeat at the Battle of the Falkland Islands with a loss of 2,100 lives and in circumstances which won world-wide respect and esteem for the enemy.

The scuttling will also recall to the German people the loss of 400,000 tons and £70,000,000 when the German Fleet went down at Scapa Flow in 1919, which is it presumed Dr. Goebbels would prefer that they forget.—United Press.

Belief Exploded

London, Dec. 18.

Britain to-day marked the first major sea battle and rejoiced over the sinking of Germany's newest and most powerful battleship, which was responsible for sinking at least nine British merchant ships.

At the same time, naval experts think that the Graf Spee's end is the finish of any belief in the fighting power of pocket battleships, whose designer claimed that they could destroy any cruiser and outdistance most capital ships.

The self-inflicted end is held as a striking contrast to the encounter between the Deutschland and Rawalpindi, a converted cruiser hopelessly outgunned which fought to the end and was finally sunk with colours flying and guns still firing.

The Graf Spee's engagement with the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles was remarkable as the first test of a pocket battleship's fighting power.

Naval battleships present numerous disadvantages, among which are that the guns are too heavy for a ship of that size, and Diesel engines to produce a speed of about 20 knots cause such vibration that gun-fire accuracy is reduced.—United Press.

French Pleasure

Paris, Dec. 18.

Every newspaper reproduces photographs of Rear-Admiral Harwood, the British cruisers and the battleship Dunkerque, and the entire Press celebrates the disappearance of the Admiral Graf Spee from the seas.

In an article stressing the solidarity of the British Dominions, the Excelsior notes that the crew of the Achilles is composed entirely of New Zealanders and they were determined that their first blow should be a master stroke. They identify themselves with thousands of men of the British Navy to whose traditions and spirit they have adapted themselves.

The solidarity of the British Colonies and Dominions draws close round the ships of the Allies.—Reuter.

Next Job Concluded

New York, Dec. 18.

The New York Times says a victory for British seamanship and a benefit great to their cause for battle was won when the Graf Spee was forced, despite her powerful guns, to run for shelter in the face of the naval fighting.

The loss sustained to Germany is unquestionably serious.

Uruguay was faced suddenly and unexpectedly with a difficult problem as a neutral. She acted with admirable firmness and respect for law. Her scrupulous behaviour, apparently under considerable pressure from German diplomatic sources, offers an interesting and instructive comparison beside that of Russia in handling the City of Flint affair at Murmansk.

A commentator says, "The self-destruction of the Graf Spee, particularly if the order comes from Hitler, seems a premature concession to defeat and recognition, perhaps for the first time on Hitler's part, that public opinion in Germany might not welcome a heavy casualty list."

The Herald-Tribune says, "There will be a lot of hard explaining for Goebbels' inventive propaganda machine as the drama of the Graf Spee reaches its naval and technical end. There is nothing heroic about scuttling one's own ship, and it seems hardly in the German naval tradition of 25 years ago. There is no doubt about the completeness of the defeat."

The Graf Spee was caught by the patient tracking of the British Navy and was run to earth by the seamen.

Japan Loses 22 Generals

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (UP).

An official Chinese source states that since the war began three Japanese lieutenant-generals and 19 major-generals have been killed by the Chinese.

Three lieutenant-generals include Chih Tui, who was killed in eastern Hupei last June when he was travelling in an airplane which was shot down by Chinese guerrillas by rifle fire. He was a major-general at the moment of his death and was given posthumous honours. Another was Abe, who was killed in action last month in the campaign at the Wutai mountains in Shanxi.

Among the major-generals killed were Haruo Kama and Shitaharu Kurokawa, whose deaths shocked the entire Japanese Imperial Army in the early months of the present war.

The long list of Japanese generals killed is the amazing result of resistance and is a serious loss to the Island Empire.

Opening Of

Yangtze

STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

British shipping concerns appreciate the Japanese announcement of the re-opening of the Yangtze River below Nanking in the near future, interpreting it as a step in the right direction.

It is pointed out, however, that the main portion of the trade in the lower river comes from points between and including Wuhu and Hankow, while the trade between Shanghai and Nanking is very small.

One shipping authority states, "We welcome the news in the hope that the Japanese action may be the forerunner of even better news, but our final judgment must await concrete results."

American circles also reserve judgment and are inclined to link the Japanese action on the Yangtze with the renewal of the commercial treaty in January.—Reuter.

Many Restrictions Forecast

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

The announcement regarding the Yangtze did not refer to future restrictions or give any date for the re-opening of the river.

Amplifying the announcement, a Japanese spokesman stated to-day that no specific restrictions had been decided upon but he indicated there would be extensive restrictions, including prohibition on trading with ports which are not occupied by the Japanese.

There would also be a ban on trading in any goods which are likely to aid Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and continued restrictions on the movements of foreigners.

The spokesman said the preparations for the new system will probably require some time. The army and navy regard the questions arising from this as military and not political, and therefore do not consider that the announcement will cause much appeasement, although they expect that third Powers will be satisfied because they will realise that the Japanese are doing the best possible in the circumstances.

Business circles say that the significance of the Yangtze announcement cannot be determined yet, particularly in view of the Japanese military authorities' earlier declaration of goods helpful to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, which heretofore have included everything, even medical supplies.

They also point out that the Japanese-controlled Chinese regime in Nanking is able to regulate imports and exports in the same way as done in Tientsin, where foreign traders suffer severe restrictions.

It must be borne in mind that a Japanese spokesman had stated definitely that there would be a ban on exports of certain commodities essential to the Japanese army.—United Press.

Waiting For News

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

The acting American Consul General, Mr. Lockhart, is scheduled to confer with Mr. Miura, Japanese Consul General, to-day to seek clarification of the Yangtze announcement.

Sir Robert Calder, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, in a statement said, "This is a step in the right direction. British traders, both here and at home, hope to see an extension of this gesture."

The American Chamber of Commerce declared that they would comment on developments.—United Press.

Tientsin Settlement

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The spokesman of the Foreign Office to-day denied the Press report that a virtual settlement of the Tientsin situation had been reached.

The spokesman pointed out that a final settlement of the issues will take some time as some points which Japan regards as important have not yet been settled.—Domel.

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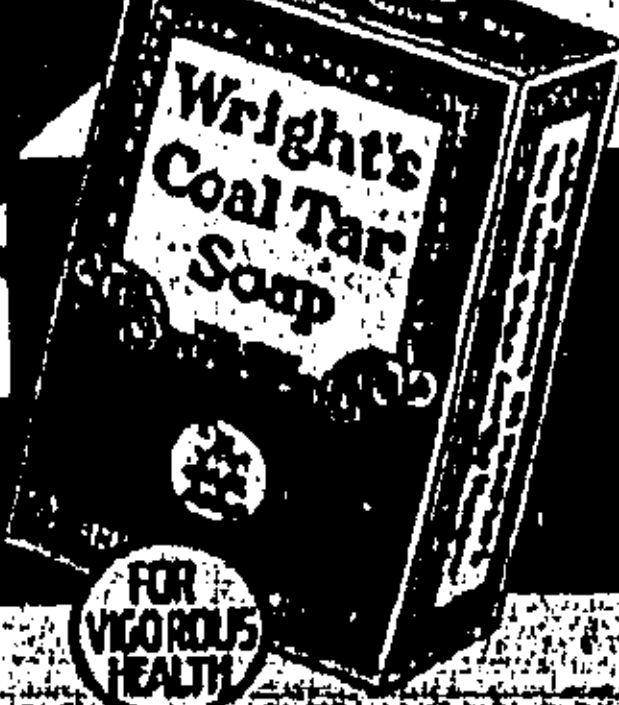
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

CLUB AND KOWLOON NEED BOWLERS

Enthusiasm Shown By H.M. Forces: Veterans' Enjoyable Match

CRICKET WAS NOT very much in evidence on Saturday last as the only senior Division teams who had a game were the Club and K.C.C. They played at the Kowloon Club's ground, and the game was very typical of the two sides, as neither has much bowling—dangerous bowling that is—while each possesses several men who are quite capable of knocking up a big score.

The Club batted first, and after his rather a long period of small scores Ride got going and ran up a useful score of 64. Carey opened with him, but was bowled by Baxter after scoring 17. Then Alec Pearce took charge and the Club were able to declare at 179 for four wickets. The K.C.C. attack suffered a great deal from the absence of Lloyd, as both Anderson and Robert Lee were rather expensive. The fact that B.D. Lay cannot turn out regularly for them is unfortunate as he makes a much needed addition to the attack.

The Club bowlers were in much the same position as those of K.C.C. Neither Dow nor Charlton could do anything, and John Pearce was heavily punished. Anderson (57) played an excellent knock, and E. F. Fincher, who is in form at present, knocked up 38. Kowloon, however, failed to get the runs, and were twenty-two behind when stumps were drawn. They had had only two overs less than the Club batsmen. I was rather surprised to see that Carey was not given a chance with the ball.

Varsity Again Draw

THE HONGKONG CLUB second eleven drew with the University on the Club ground, and batted a bit better than they had done the week before. D. O. Parsons was again in good form and knocked up a stout 61, while Alec Mackenzie made a strenuous 39. H. J. D. Lowe (23) and Booker were the only other double figure scores.

I see the University started off with Gegg and Mahmood, and I am sure they are right to do so. Both they and Kenneth Lo got a couple of wickets apiece, but Matthews, who went on second change, took four for 52.

TAM'S GOOD-KNOCK

WHEN the Varsity came to bat, the scorer was very wicketed in that he neglected to keep the bowling analysis. I am inclined to think that he must have been the University scorer as the University analysis had been kept. But no matter whether the record is needed, an analysis should always be kept because only so can you properly check your scoring figures. It is due to this omission that I am unable to discover the respective number of overs sent down on each side, but I deduce that as the Club batted for 29 overs—a figure a little above the average—the Varsity did not have as long a lease of the wickets as their opponents.

Their opening batsman, Tam, was in excellent form, and scored 56.

Hole-in-One At Fanling

The latest hole-in-one was done by B. O. Baldwin at the 12th hole of the Old Course, Fanling, (The Gem) on Sunday.

while three of the other four batsmen who had a knock got double figures, and Gegg only failed to reach them by one run. The University is a useful side this year, but they are not yet good enough for the senior Division. They are, however, improving.

Recreio Just Fail

THE RECREIO failed to beat the Police owing entirely to the stalwart innings of W. L. Clarke, who went in first wicket down and took out his bat for 42 runs. Danbrowsky managed to keep his wicket up until the stumps were drawn. A. V. Gosano, 7-0-18-5, bowled very well. He has, of course, bowled a good deal in the first Division.

For Recreio, Xavier (25) A. J. M. Prata (20) and M. A. Remedios (30) were the principal contributors towards a total of 131. Lewis took 5 for 36 and Pope, more expensive than usual, 4 for 45.

Units

IT IS AN ENCOURAGING thing to see how often units of H.M. forces turn out teams. The Middlesex had a regimental side out against Craigengower second eleven, and did not do too badly. As a matter of fact it was called a second eleven, but with one or two exceptions it looked to me very much like the first!

A. J. Hulse, who ran up 62, definitely is a member of the senior team. Set with 152 to get to win, PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

KAI TAK BEAT BIDWELL'S XV

Game Marred By Infringements Of Elementary Rules

(By "Fly-half")

KAI TAK defeated Mr. H. D. Bidwell's fifteen by six points (a try and a penalty goal) to 3 points (a try) in a poor game on the Club ground yesterday. Both sides were guilty of infringements of the elementary rules, with throwing forward the most frequent.

Some players seemed to have had in their heads that it was essential to get rid of the ball just anyhow on being tackled. Fierce foot rushes by the Air Force forwards kept Bidwell's team mostly on the defensive.

Bidwell at scrum half received close attention and frequently had the ball dribbled away from in front of him before he could get his hands on it. Ragged heeling by the second and third row forwards, and quickness on the mark of the Kai Tak wing forwards was responsible for this.

Both packs were poor in their play with the Kai Tak eight the only

Sheehan heading the ball away during an attack by China in the International Cup football match on Sunday. Chang Ching-hai (China), D. Leonard (Ireland) and Cheuk Shek-kam (China) are in close attendance.—Ming Yuen.

Excellent Shooting In Belilios Shield Competition

THE LAST SUNDAY SHOOT of the year was very well attended, a total of 122 members taking part. The programme was arranged by the members of the Hongkong Police Reserve Rifle Club, who presented the prizes. The weather was glorious, with a somewhat puzzling wind to make things interesting.

League Badminton

RECREIO "A" LOSE 9-0 TO CHINESE "Y"

THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A. scored an astounding victory in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night when they trounced the Club de Recreio "A" by nine sets to nil.

Recreio were at full strength, and the fine win of the Chinese "Y" indicates a very strong challenge for the League title which is held by the University "A".

The scores were: C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y") beat L. A. Carvalho and A. H. Silva 21-11; beat M. A. Oliveira and I. J. Remedios 21-12; beat C. C. Pereira and R. Marques 21-6.

P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Chinese "Y") beat Carvalho and Silva 21-6; beat Oliveira and Remedios 21-12; beat Pereira and Marques 21-12. F. Koh and T. J. Ong (Chinese "Y") beat Carvalho and Silva 21-18; beat Oliveira and Remedios 21-11; beat Pereira and Marques 21-11.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company Boxing

THE FIRST FIGHTS of the Middlesex Regiment Inter-Company Novices boxing tournament were held at Nanking Barracks last night. Twenty-two bouts were fought with a keenness that more than compensated for any lack of skill. The tournament will continue this evening at 7.30 p.m.

Present positions are: "B" Coy. 30 points; Headquarters Wing 28 pts.; "A" Coy. 27 pts.; "C" Coy. 24 pts. and "D" Coy. 23 pts.

Fanling Bogey Pool

The Bogey Par Pool on the New Course at Fanling which was to have been held over the week-end was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Army And Club XV's For Saturday

The following have been chosen to represent the Army against the Club in the Triangular Rugby Tournament fixture on Saturday: L/Cpl. Picton (R.E.); Lt. Skipworth (R.A.); L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.); Sgt. Lang (R.A.O.C.); L/Cpl. Richards (R.A.); Lt. Hook (R.A.); Lt. May (Durham); Lt. Hewitt (R.A.); L/Cpl. Beddow (Durham); Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); Pte. Berry (R.A.); L/Cpl. Evans (R.A.); Capt. Duke (R. Scots); Lt. Hinton (R. Scots).

The Club XV will be as follows: J. R. Henderson; D. H. Stewart; J. Hutchison; H. D. Bidwell; D. I. Bosanquet; J. C. Charter; J. M. Thomson; A. F. Walker; R. G. Castle; R. E. Hesseman; E. A. Bompas; G. F. Needham; G. C. Godfrey; A. J. G. Taylor and B. O'M. Deane. Reserves.—F. M. Thompson (full-back); M. G. Carruthers (three-quarter); A. F. Wanklyn; A. M. Kennedy and W. B. Richardson (forwards). All Club members must turn out for practice on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.

LEADING SCORES

The leading scores were as follows:

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Sgt. A. C. Chan	40	40	80
Sgt. A. R. Guscott	40	40	80
Sgt. R. J. Heap	40	40	80
Mr. J. B. Carey	40	40	80
Sgt. C. C. Chau	40	40	80
Cpl. F. Cole	40	40	80
P.S.M. P. H. Thong	40	40	80
C/Sgt. P. Hale	40	40	80
Sgt. F. G. Biles	40	40	80
B/M W. Kuford	40	40	80
P. S. Campbell Singh	40	40	80
K.S.R. D. Kote	40	40	80
Sgt. F. Roberts	40	40	80
L.A.C. W. Gash	40	40	80
Mr. H. L. Langley	40	40	80
Capt. F. Sale	40	40	80
Mr. H. G. Foreman	40	40	80
Pte. L. J. Groom	40	40	80
Sgt. G. Perkins	40	40	80
Sgt. G. E. Breese	40	40	80
Sgt. F. S. Collins	40	40	80
Sgt. W. Gowan	40	40	80

S.R. (a)	40	40	80
P.C. Charan Singh	40	40	80
Capt. R. Langford	40	40	80
Sgt. T. Baker	40	40	80
Mr. W. S. Gullman	40	40	80
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T/Sgt. F. Tolison	40	40	80
P.C. Bachan Singh	40	40	80
L/Cpl. J. Berry	40	40	80
L/Sgt. N. L. Pan	40	40	80
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	40	40	80
S/Sgt. H. D. Remedios	40	40	80
S/Sgt. W. R. Nunn	40	40	80
Spr. F. W. Allen	40	40	80
L/Cpl. G. Turner Singh	40	40	80
Sgt. M. F. Rushman	40	40	80
Sgt. V. R. J. Merritt	40	40	80
Cpl. J. C. Remedios	40	40	80
Sgt. W. Ure	40	40	80
Sgt. H. S. Ferreira	40	40	80
Cpl. Naranjan Singh	40	40	80
Sgt. G. Plummer	40	40	80
L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier	40	40	80

ones to gain ground repeatedly in fierce foot rushes. Hynes and Gash shone for Kai Tak at forward, while Castleton and Deane did good work in Bidwell's pack.

TORREY SUBDUED

CHARTER received his passes, in general, too late to allow him time to get into stride before the opposing side was on top of him. D. H. Taylor of the Police was the best wing three-quarter on view, and was more than a match for Torrey, who seldom got going at top speed.

Lewis was a spirited inside three for Kai Tak, and frequently came across to tackle. He usually had the better of his man and more.

AN EXPERIMENT

THE AIRMEN experimented with two scrumhalves and packed seven forwards only. Whilst one forward put the ball into the scrum, the other waited behind to pass it out. It was not a great success, and is certainly not Kai Tak's policy to continue with it as long as their pack is as light as it is.

Beddell was another Kai Tak three-quarter to show up well. He scored a good try to give his side a lead of three points at the interval. Henderson failed to convert.

D. H. Taylor cleverly dodged his way over for a try to level the scores midway through the second half. Just on the whistle, Club were penalised for handling the ball in a loose scrum, on their line, and Henderson kicked a goal to give the Airmen victory.



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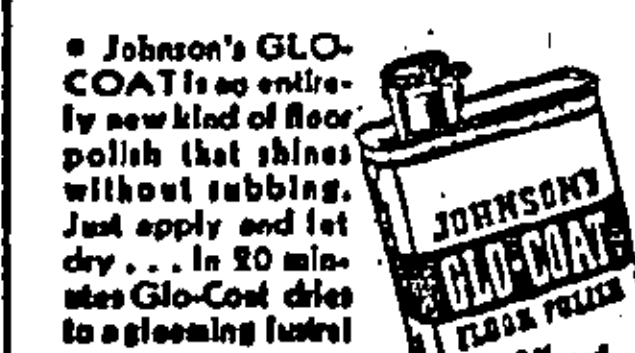


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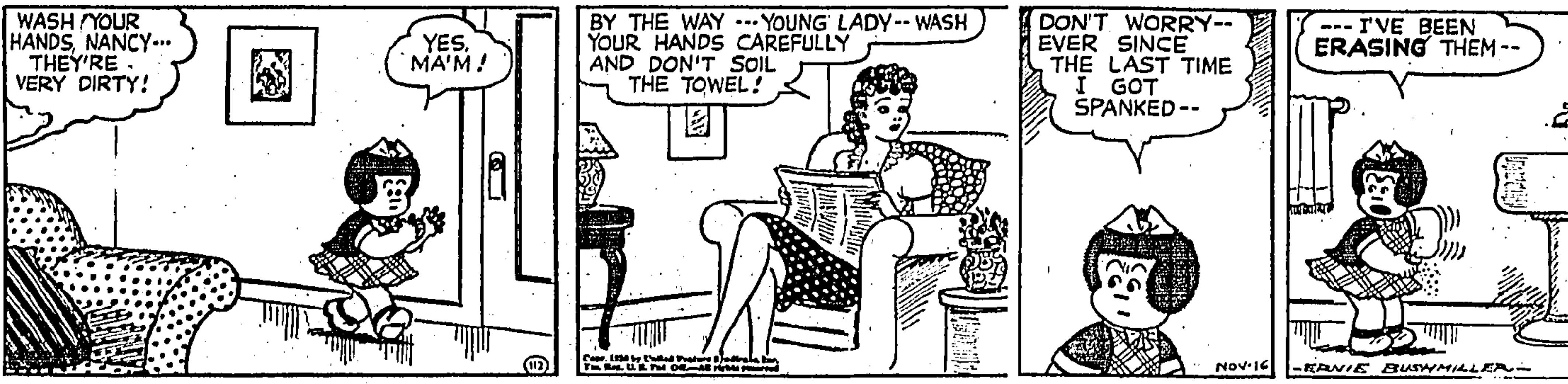
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All city ambulances, including A.R.P. vehicles, were commandeered to take the injured to hospital. The explosion occurred in a five-storey extension to the building of Messrs. Calthorpe, cattle food merchants, in Marybone. A sheet of flame shot down the main shaft from top to bottom, setting fire to the building.

The whole of the Liverpool central fire brigade was sent to the scene, while auxiliary firemen, soldiers, and A.R.P. workers were mobilised to fight flames or attend to the injured.

The explosion is believed to have occurred in a silo, and to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

One man, Leonard Wells, had an amazing escape. He was working on the third floor and was flung through the hoist door. He clutched the hoist rope, and was left suspended in mid-air until his mates pulled him back into the building.

John Campbell, whose 23-year-old son of the same name was one of the injured, said there was a terrific explosion, but he was unhurt.

"I threw a wet sack over my face to go in search of my son," he continued.

"I was told later he had been rescued, and I had to grope my way through flames and blinding smoke down the spiral staircase, which had been almost twisted out of shape."

NEWS—But not about the War

FIREWORKS START CONEY ISLAND BLAZE

DAMAGE estimated at £60,000 was caused by fire recently at Coney Island, New York's famous amusement park.

The outbreak started with the explosion of a stock of fireworks in a disused waxworks museum. Spreading rapidly, the fire at one time threatened the whole park, says Reuter.

Before it was brought under control it had almost entirely destroyed the wooden structures of the steeplechase course.

George Ernest Webster, fugitive from New Hall prison camp, Wakefield, Yorks since September 8, was recaptured at Stapleford, Notts.

Trying to prevent sheep from straying on the railway near Bury, Lancs, platelayer Robert Sharples, aged 57, was killed by a 3,000 volt shock from the live rail. Spectators at Stonehenge, Gloucestershire, saw a perfect Seven Bore (tidal wave).

DOCTOR "NOT GUILTY"

BRISTOL magistrates recently acquitted a doctor motorist of the manslaughter of a pedestrian.

Dr. John Purcell, aged 40, of Stapleton-road, Eastville, was also accused of driving while under the influence of drink. This charge, too, was dismissed.

"On the evidence, no jury would ever convict on these two charges," said the chairman, finding Dr. Purcell £20 and £6 costs for dangerous driving.

Judge Pays Tribute To Bankrupt

PAYING a tribute recently to a bankrupt who applied for his discharge, Judge K. Archer said in Brighton County Court:

"I am satisfied as to his good faith. It does not seem to me to matter whether a man fails for a million or for £10. What does matter is whether he ought to be trusted to trade fairly."

He ordered the discharge of Benzon Rubenstein, a company director, subject to the minimum suspension of one day.

Some weeks ago Mr. Rubenstein had been given permission to act as director of two companies, notwithstanding his bankruptcy.

The judge said Mr. Rubenstein had given his services for nothing to resuscitate the business, and was succeeding.

"But—" Said The Husband

WHEN an Exeter fireman was accused by his wife of persistent cruelty, he said:—

"We were married ten years ago after she had a row with her mother, and we have been rowing ever since. She stuck a fork into me, smashed my fire-helmet, and said: 'But you will not find a better housewife in Exeter.'"

Case dismissed.

ALSO RECENTLY—

SAM, retired Zoo polar bear No. 1 died of old age at a Maudslayi private zoo, aged 20 (equivalent to 85 in a human).

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market opened with a fair enquiry but as the day wore on buyers became listless. Offerings were not on any extensive scale, but traders' interests appeared to flag, although Hongkong Banks & Unions remain in fair demand.

Buyers

Union Ins.	\$400
Douglas	\$71 1/4
Humphreys	\$7.80
Star Ferries	\$98
Yanumit Ferries	\$23 1/2
Electricity	\$53
Sandakan Lights	\$11.70
Telephones (New)	\$8 1/2
Entertainments	\$6.60

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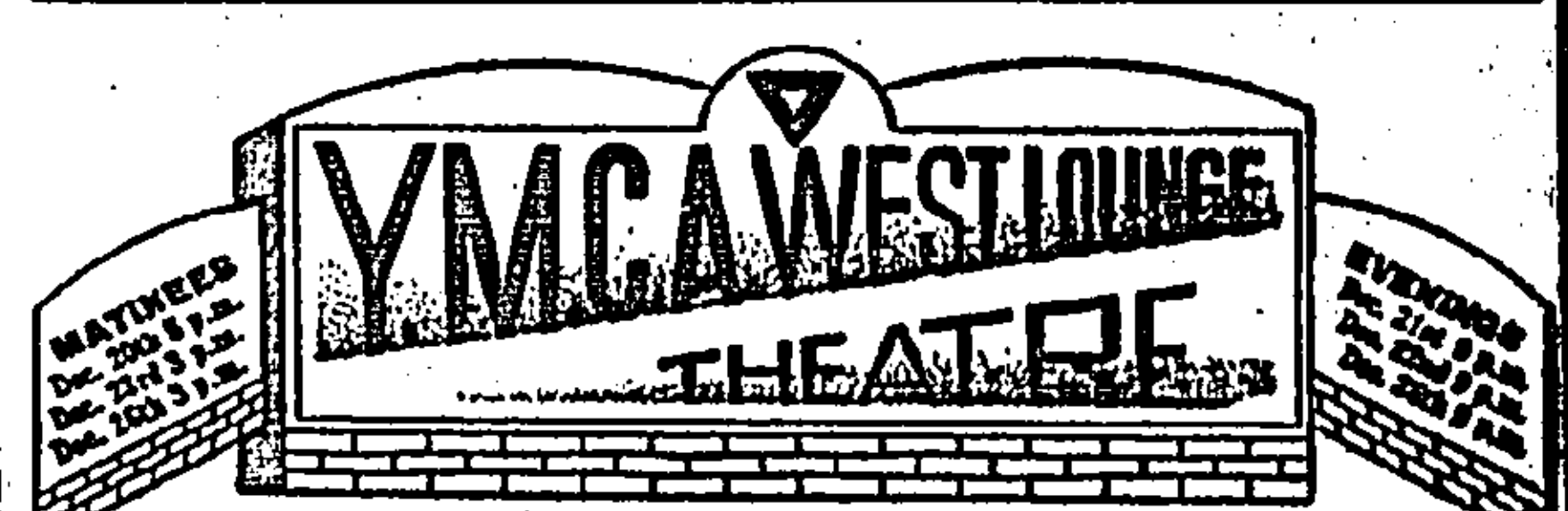
H.K. Bank	\$1,355
H.S. Hotels	\$5.15
Indas	\$34
Tramways	\$17 1/4
Telephones (Old)	\$25 1/4
Cements	\$10 1/4
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22

Sales

H.K. Bank	\$1,350
Doets	\$14.45/50
H.K. Mines	4c/5
H.S. Hotels	\$5/5.05
Realities	\$4.40
China Lights (Old)	\$8.20
Watsons	\$8.85

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Mine Operation	10 1/2	s
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Puraculo Gumaus	10 1/2	s
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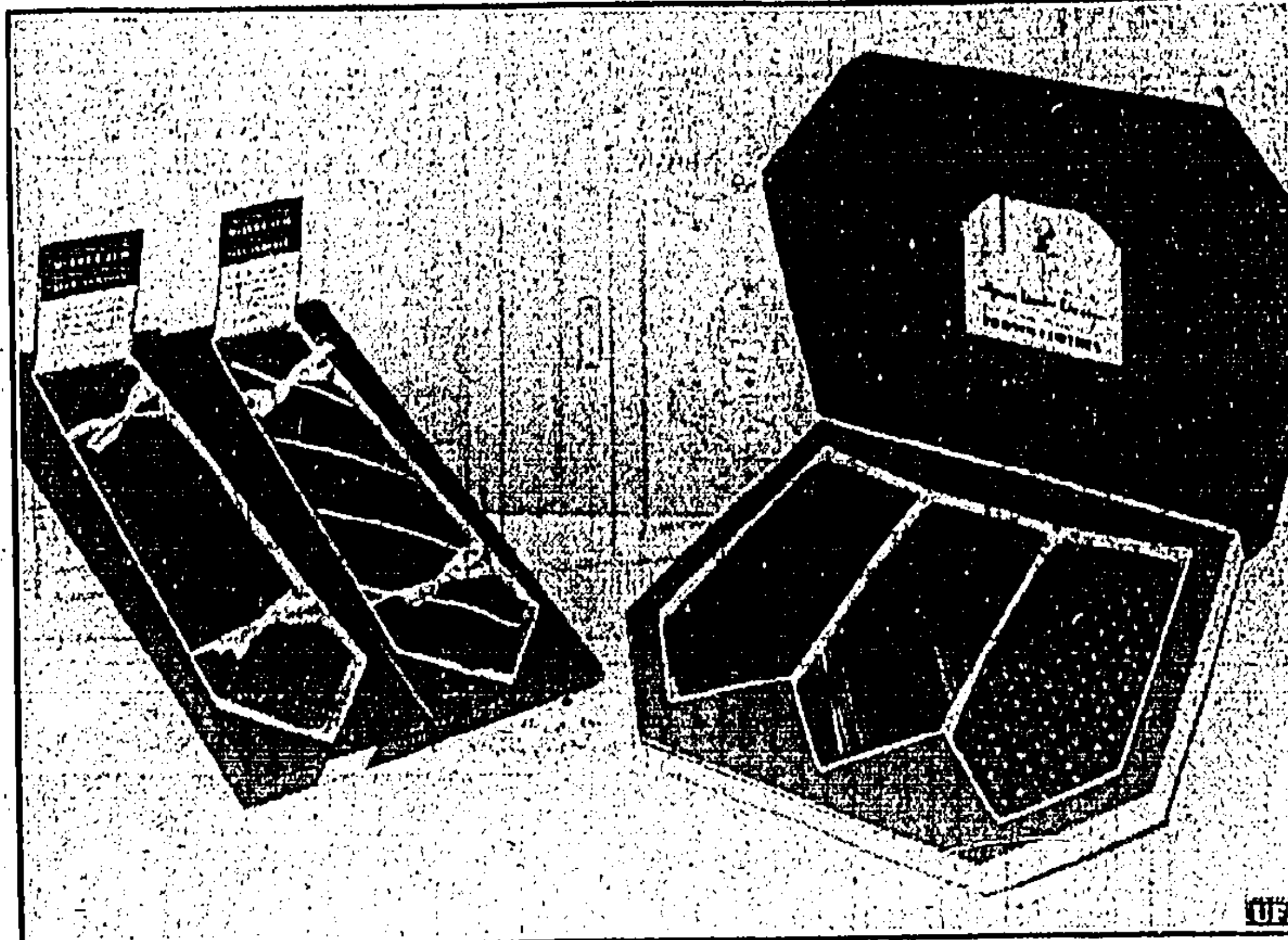
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Here's How to Pick a Tie A Man Will Really Wear

By BARCLAY SWAIN

There are probably more women buying ties for men this time of the year and falling down on the job, than at any other time. The Christmas tie is a real headache for the man who likes to wear a tie, and the rest of the poor fellows. One of the larger manufacturers, anticipating such trouble, has turned out ties in preplanned sets to go with the three predominant suit colours—grey, blue and brown. Mildly simply thinks of which suit her man likes best, picks out a boxed set of two or three ties to match it, and is certain he won't be disappointed by hand any neckwear to the ash man.

Generally speaking, here are the rules for ties. With grey suits, maroon and blue ties harmonise. The former to be worn with grey shirts the latter with blue.

With blue suits the choice is rather restricted. With a light blue shirt the following go well: medium blue tie with soft blue figures, dark blue tie with red or light blue figures and dark red ties with dark blue figures. With a light grey shirt blue and grey ties may be worn.

Avoid Blue With Brown

With brown suits, beware of blue ties and most red ones. With a cream or tan shirt select a tie of reddish brown ground with a touch of copper or cream. With a green shirt wear a dark green tie with touches of light green or cream. Generally speaking, the rule is this: never wear a tie either to harmonise or contrast with background which does not contain at least one element which blends with either the suit or the shirt.

So much for colour, now for pattern. There are three basic types: The widely spaced pattern, the neat all-over design and the stripes. The widely spaced type goes well with a closely striped shirt as does the neat all-over design. The bold striped patterns are good on solid colour ground shirts. And if you like wild shirts, better stick to solid colour ties when wearing them.

Wool Still King for Sports

Wool ties are good for sports, the rough tweed weave ties in silk with

a satin stripe are favoured for semi-sports suits. The matching hand-year and falling down on the job, kerchief and tie sets are still strong. One really nice set I saw matched a law firm and the rest of the poor fellows. English foulards are good now even in winter.

Small neat patterns in heavy close weaves in a seven fold tie without any lining are rich, luxurious and long lasting. These tie in neat knots. A tie cut on the bias pulls back into shape when it hangs over night. You can tell whether it has been cut this way by pulling it slightly if it has "spring" when pulled the long way, it's a bias cut tie.

Ties this year tend toward simple, neat designs. They aren't fussy, flowery or tricky but are unobtrusive and harmonious in colour and pattern.

GIBLET PIE

PLACE a beefsteak, well seasoned, at the bottom of a pie-dish. Scald two or three sets of goose giblets, pick and singe them; take the outer skin off the feet, wash, with the pinions, cut into two, the neck into three, the gizzard into four, and the liver and heart into two pieces. Wash them all clean, put in a saucepan, and cover with water. Add the drumsticks, two onions, a little salt, and a teaspoonful of whole black pepper, tied in muslin; stew till the giblets are tender. Take them out and put into the pie-dish, season with more pepper and salt. Strain the liquor, and add half a pint of it with a glass of port wine. When cold, put puff paste round the rim of the dish and cover it with the same. Brush over with yolk of egg, and bake in a good oven for 45 to 1 hour, according to size.

Let these ties guide you in selecting that appropriate gift for a man at Christmas. It's appropriate, that is, if it harmonises with his shirt and suit. If it doesn't—well, he'll unwrap it, grunt a subdued "thanks" and then consign it to the rear of his tie rack. Another "Christmas tie"—one of the unwearables.

Remember...

TO ORDER early from your wine merchant.

TO LOOK through stock of Christmas tree decorations and buy new ones if necessary before all the good ones are gone. Also get some powdered starch for frost.

TO SEE that you have enough glasses to go round, and plenty of olives, cherries, olive sticks, etc.

TO THINK out where your Christmas tree is going to be placed, and see that an electric plug is handy if you're going in for coloured electric lights.

TO GET in a good supply of candles: the electric light has been known to flick, and where are you going to get an electrician from on Christmas or Boxing Day?

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All Set For The Party

THIS PARTY... you must understand... is not my own. I have been asked to it. Indeed, I have been asked to a round dozen parties between now and New Year's Eve and if I am to enjoy myself I expect certain things.

I want to know exactly what kind of party I am asked to attend. If I am expected to play bridge or dance or listen to a Punch and Judy show I must be warned on my invitation card.

If any hostess says dinner at 8.30 and then greets me with marvellous and elaborate suggestions for playing in charades, then she must put up with a guest who will be as reserved as a first night seat.

If my hostess lives in one of those roads without lamps and full of misnamed houses, then I want to know how to get to her party in time. I suggest a small rough map on the back of the invitation card with the name of the nearest station, bus stop or main road.

Ice-breaking Game

A prominent landmark would help if the house is in an outer suburb.

The exact postal address and telephone number would assist my inquiries.

I want to be introduced to my fellow guests. I detest being told to make myself known to a roomful of strangers. If I am not formally introduced then I want some ice-breaking kind of game like "pairs" or labels on backs which will make it easy for me to go up and say to a likely looking fellow, "I'm So-and-so... who are you?"

I want the right kind of food. If the party is late enough to allow me to eat my own dinner at home, then the party food must be crisp, have a sting, be exciting, and, above all, a feast to the eye.

It should either be easy to eat with the fingers or be served with sticks or

wooden forks. All of it should be sized on the one-bite unit.

If, on the other hand, the party begins at 7.30 and is not a dinner party, then I want much more substantial food. Cold sausages and pies and Scotch eggs immediately suggest themselves.

At this kind of party the buffet should run—and run efficiently—until it is time to go home. Hostesses who imagine that guests eat less at stand-up supper should think again. They eat more because nobody can check up on their helpings.

No Tip-up Vases

I like flowers, but at parties I like them where I can admire them well out of reach—in long troughs on mantelpieces or in wall brackets, and not in tip-up vases and, more especially, not in artistic jars on the floor. The same applies to lamps and valuable ornaments.

I want somewhere to put my wine-glasses and know that it is not going to strip the veneer off. I hate drip-rings and those little embroidered circles for the bottoms of wineglasses, but I admire hostesses who openly protect their french polish with shiny cloths under linen.

I must know what I am drinking. How am I to know what "some of this pink stuff" is going to do to me before the evening is out? If my hostess has not enough imagination to buy decorative enamelled labels for her bottles and jugs then she should stick flags in the cork saying what's what.

I want to go home before I am dead tired. A subtle finale of some kind can wind up the party successfully. It can be the Lambeth Walk or Sir Roger, or better still, hot soup in the hall.

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Finns Still Resisting Strongly

Helsinki, Dec. 17.
Finnish troops north of Lake Ladoga to-day routed a large force of the Red Army which retreated in disorder.
The Red Army keeps up its mass infantry assaults on the Mannerheim Line without success, and this afternoon, following intense artillery preparation, a violent attack was launched in which their casualties are estimated at over 3,000.
In the extreme north, according to an official bulletin, the enemy has made no important gains since Saturday.
The Finnish air force has been active on all fronts, bombing Soviet concentrations and columns of mechanized units.—Reuter.

Finns Falling Back

Oso, Dec. 18.
Heavy fighting has been resumed on the Finnish northern front, according to messages from Svanavik where the Finns appear to be retreating towards Punkaharju, burning everything behind them.
A Moscow communique declares that Russian troops have advanced 48 miles in the region south of Petsamo.
In Central Finland the troops have advanced about 32 miles from the frontier and captured the village of Kurela.
In the other sectors only scouting and artillery action are in progress. No mention is made of the fighting on the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

I.L.M.I. WORKING PARTY

The Helena May Working Party for Local Emergencies will not meet again until January 10, but Mrs. Steele-Perkins will be at the Helena May all Wednesday morning, December 20, to hand out "home-work" to anyone being so kind as to call and receive it.
Up to date the Helena May Branch has made 1456 Triangular Bandages, 1933 Rolled Calico Bandages, 65 Many Tailed Bandages, and 42 T. Bandages.
The Kowloon European Branch of Y.M.C.A. has made 240 Triangular Bandages, 1696 Rolled Calico Bandages, 100 Many Tailed Bandages, and 24 T. Bandages.

LATE NEWS

CARRY ON AS USUAL

Despite the political situation, the Society of Yorkshiresmen in Hongkong decided at its annual meeting last night held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, to hold its annual cabaret dinner dance.

Unless conditions become worse, the function will be held on March 8, in the Hongkong Hotel or Peninsula Hotel.

Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, president, and the following officers were present, Messrs. E. C. Frederick (President), A. R. Brown (Hon. Secretary), J. D. Danby, A. L. Fisher, and H. H. Mundy (Committee).

"I think we should carry on and hold the dance as usual. We carried on most things as usual from 1914 to 1918, and I don't see why we should not do the same this time," said Sir Vandeleur Grayburn.

The last function was very successful and the Society had money in hand, it was announced.

The membership, which stands at 109, has increased a little. The ninth annual cabaret dinner dance was held at the Hongkong Hotel on March 3, the attendance of 222 members and guests being easily a record, states the Society's Report. For this reason the Committee decided to set a closing date for acceptances, but even so, some members were unable to secure accommodation.

The guests included: His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote and officials of all kindred Societies in Hongkong. The cabaret items were very well received. Mr. H. Mundy once again was the leader and to him the Society extends its gratitude for untiring support.

In addition to the discussion at the meeting regarding the holding of the annual function, letters were read from two absent members, Mrs. E. M. Sande and Mr. J. Scott. Harston, voicing their whole hearted support for the proposal.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Sir V. M. Grayburn; Vice-President, Mr. E. C. Frederick; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. L. Fisher; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Shaw; Committee, Messrs. J. D. Danby, J. D. Danby, W. A. MacKinnon and H. H. Mundy, Messrs. C. F. Needham and A. R. Brown were also elected to the Committee.
A vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing Secretary, Mr. A. R. Brown, who has resigned, and to the Chairman and Committee.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK

London, Dec. 18.
The Admiralty announces that the submarine Ursula sank a German cruiser of the Koln class at the mouth of the Elbe on December 14.—United Press.

Second Victim Lately

London, Dec. 18.
The cruiser was screened by six German destroyers.

The two sister ships of the Koln are the Karlsruhe and Konigsberg, and were completed in 1920/30. They are ships of 6,000 tons, with a speed of about 32 knots, and are armed with five 5.9-inch guns and a number of smaller guns.

They mount twelve 21 inch torpedo tubes, arranged in four triple mountings, and a catapult with two aircraft.

The aircraft were reported to have been removed from the Koln and one other during 1938.

All possible expedients were adopted for saving weight, and electric welding was used for the hulls instead of rivetting.

Designed with a horsepower at 32 knots of 65,000, the ships are driven by geared turbines, with Diesel engines for cruising purposes. With 1,200 tons of oil, plus 300 tons of Diesel fuel, the ships are reputed to have a cruising radius of 5,500 miles at 14 knots and 10,000 at 10 knots.

On December 14 it was officially announced by the Admiralty that in the North Sea the submarine British torpedoed the sighted Bremen had torpedoed an enemy cruiser. There is no connexion between this and the latest exploit of the sinking of a cruiser of the Koln class.—British Wireless.

U-boat Prisoners

London, Dec. 18.
Further evidence of the success of naval operations is contained in a War Office list issued to-day of U-boat officers and men who are prisoners in this country.
To-day's list contains seven names and there has been a daily list of captives for the past four days.—Reuter Bulletin.

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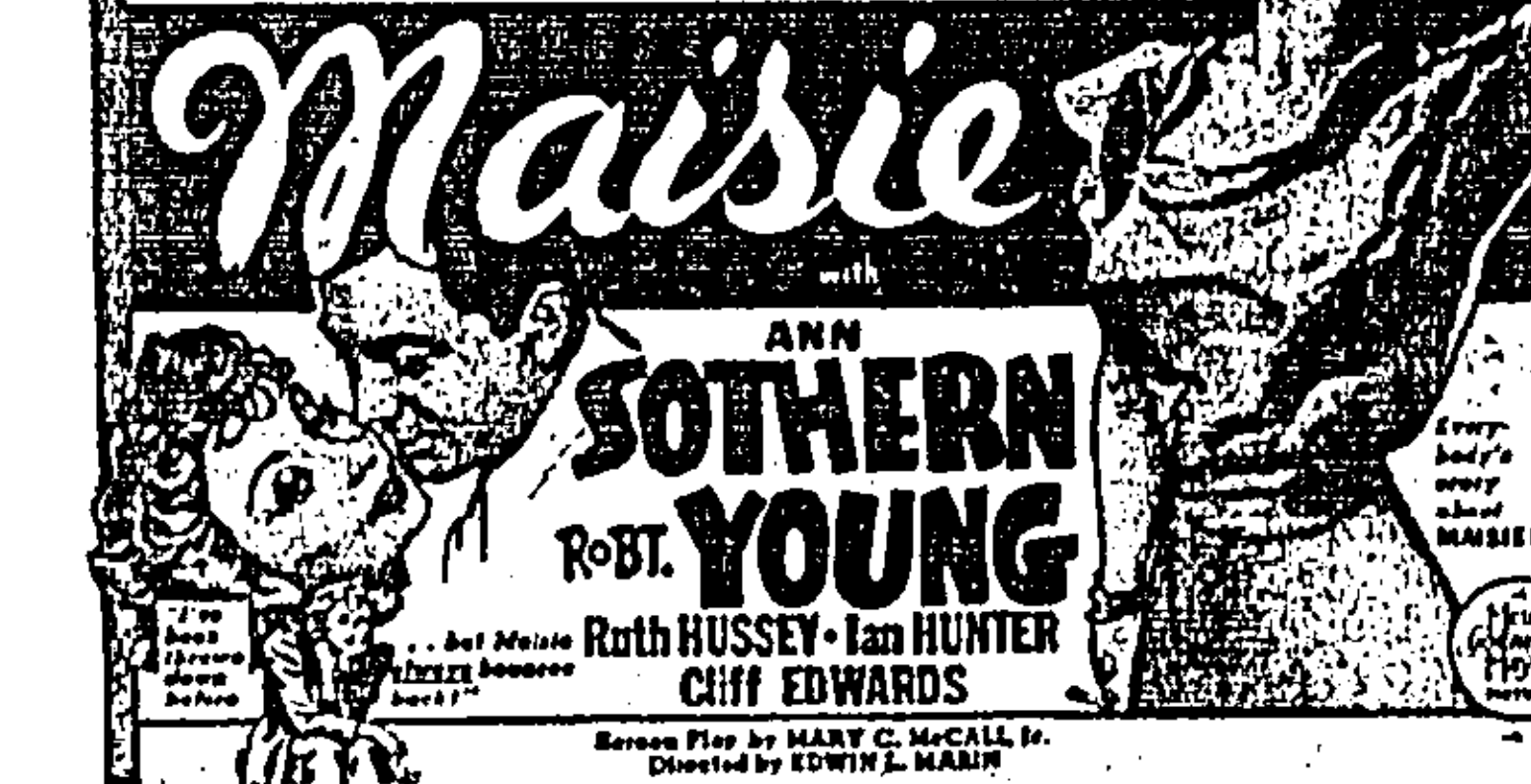
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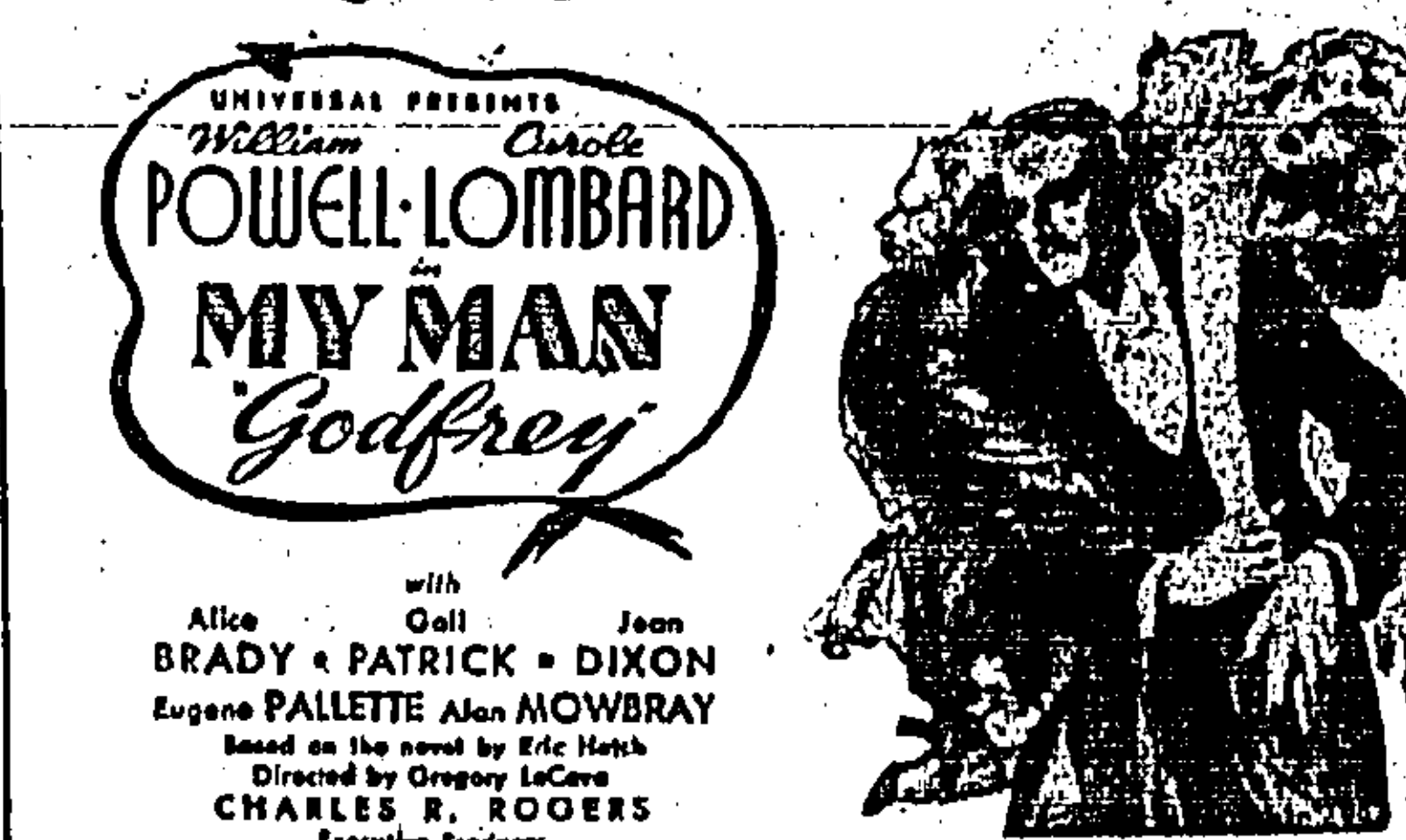


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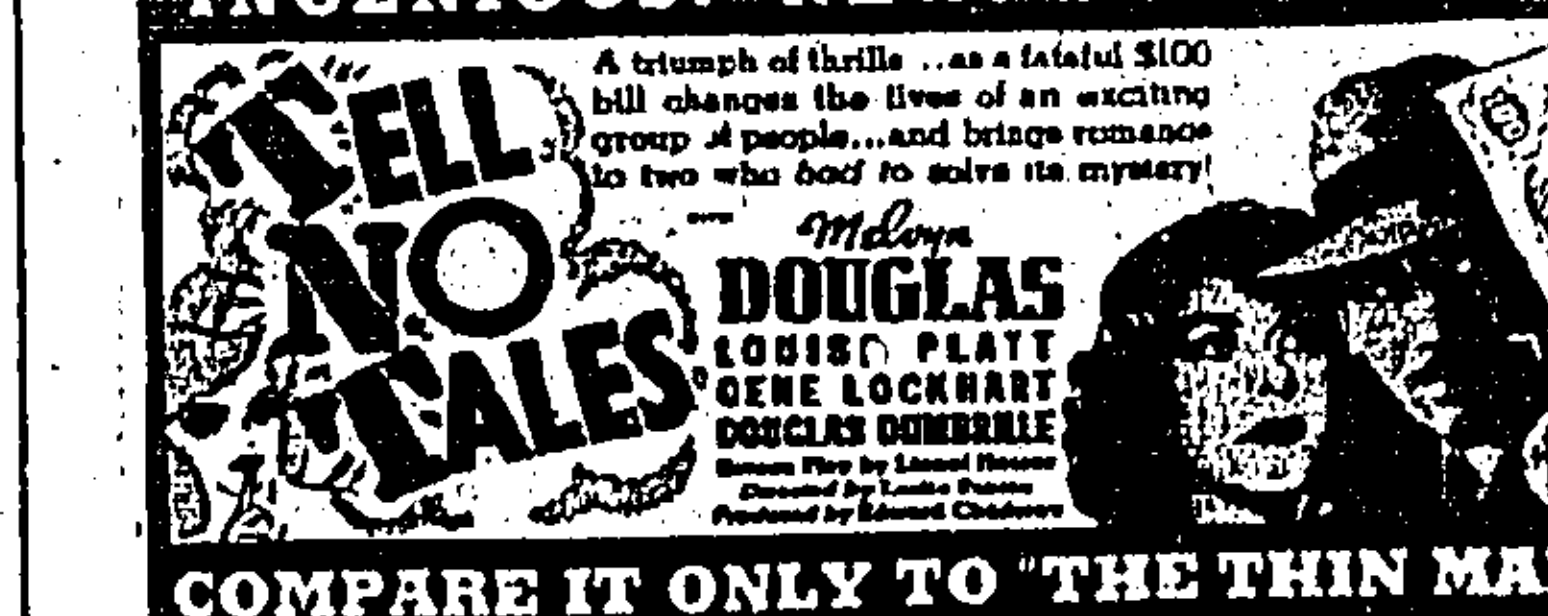


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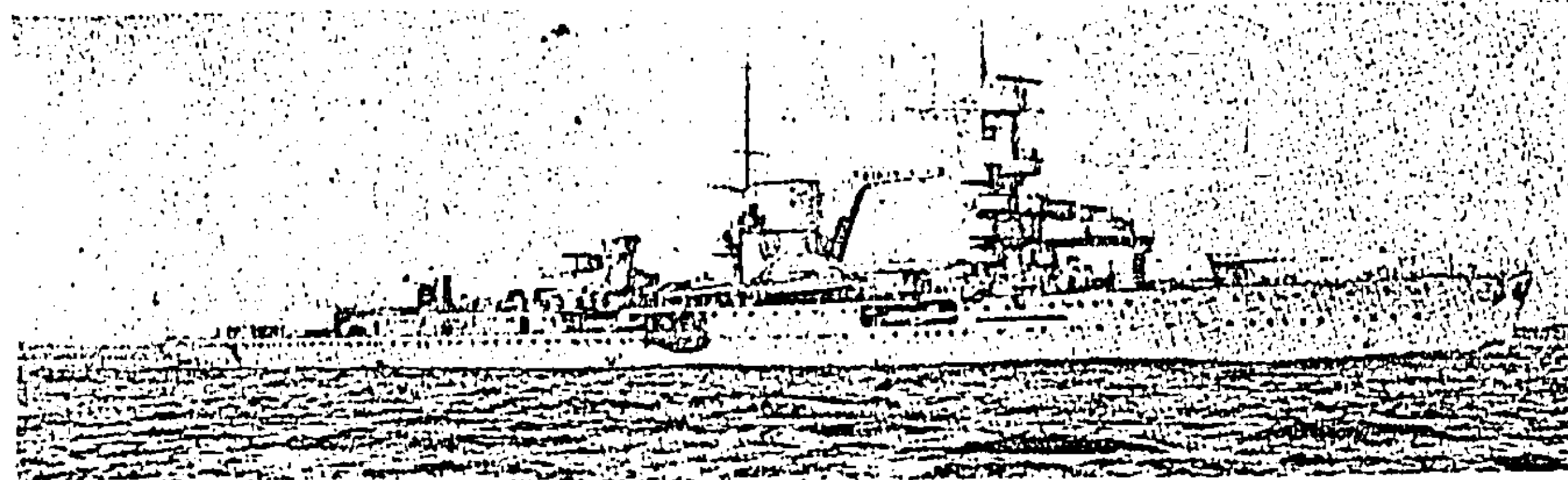
KONIGSBERG SUNK IN RIVER ELBE BY H.M.S. URSULA: NAZI BLACK DAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 19 (UP).—THE REMARKABLE COURAGE OF A NAVAL COMMANDER WHO WAS FORMERLY ATTACHED TO H.M.S. ODIN ON CHINA STATION IN HONGKONG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OF THE GREATEST NAVAL EPICS OF THE WAR.

THE OFFICER IS LIEUT. COMMANDER E. O. B. BICKFORD, COMMANDER OF H. M. SUBMARINE SALMON, TO WHICH HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM H.M.S. ODIN IN 1937.

By his daring and seamanship, the 6,000-ton Nazi cruiser Leipzig lies at the bottom of the North Sea and another 6,000-ton cruiser was last seen in a sinking condition.



THE 6,000-TON NAZI CRUISER LEIPZIG

Soviet Soldiers Mutiny: Officers Shot As Battalion Joins Finns

LONDON, DEC. 18 (REUTER).—REPORTS OF DISSENSION AND EVEN REVOLT AMONG SOVIET SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS ARE RELAYED FROM STOCKHOLM VIA ESTONIA.

On Sunday night, it is reported, the men of a Soviet battalion north of Lake Ladoga mutinied, shot their commissar and went over to the Finns.

Finns Gaining Ground
To-day there were reports of disturbances among the civilian populations of Leningrad and Moscow.

Extraordinary security measures are said to have been taken and the more important institutions are being guarded.

Houses are being raided by the police and radio receivers are being seized.

It must be emphasised, however, that these reports have not yet been confirmed.

Finns Gaining Ground
LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The fighting in Finland appears to be at its fiercest in the Karelian Isthmus.

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LATEST
FIGHT FOR AIR SUPREMACY ON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 18 (UP).—It is believed that the great air battle over Heligoland Bight is the first of a series of attacks about to be launched by the Royal Air Force in an effort to establish British air supremacy.

Air Ministry circles point out that the British bombers were attacked by Messerschmitts and were outmanoeuvred by the latter.

It is pointed out in this connection that not one British fighter plane has been downed by a Nazi fighter in a dog-fight since the commencement of the war.

It is pointed out that not all the R.A.F. planes participated in the Heligoland combat. Berlin gives the total as 44.

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R.A.F. Stages War's Biggest Air Raids.

65 Planes Attack Nazi Naval Bases

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 19 (UP).—Britain launched the biggest air raids of the war over German naval bases yesterday.

Sixty-five Royal Air Force planes participated in the big-scale attacks, which were launched on coastal bases in Heligoland Bay throughout the day, presumably in retaliation for the Nazi bombing attacks on British merchant shipping.

Conflicting claims are made regarding the outcome of the British raids. An official Berlin communique, in admitting that British planes penetrated to the Nazi naval bases, claims that thirty-four of the R.A.F. planes were shot down.

An official British communique admits that strong concentrations of Nazi fighter planes were met in the course of the raids.

12 Nazis Shot Down

Twelve Messerschmitt pursuit planes were shot down by the British bombers, seven of which are officially admitted to have been lost.

The British planes concentrated their activities in the neighbourhood of Heligoland. Several sharp aerial battles occurred over the inner Heligoland Light.

The official British announcement states that the crews of two of the British bombers bailed out by means of their parachutes and were rescued.

Berlin Admissions
Berlin officially admits that several R.A.F. planes succeeded in reaching the coast.

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Mass Raids By
Japanese

62 Aircraft Bomb
Yangtse Cities

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—For the first time in nearly one month, the air raid alarm was sounded here this morning when 62 Japanese aircraft headed up the river from Hankow flying in two groups.

The Japanese bombers were preceded by a lone scouting aeroplane which crossed the Szechuen border cruising in the vicinity of Wanhsien before returning down the river.

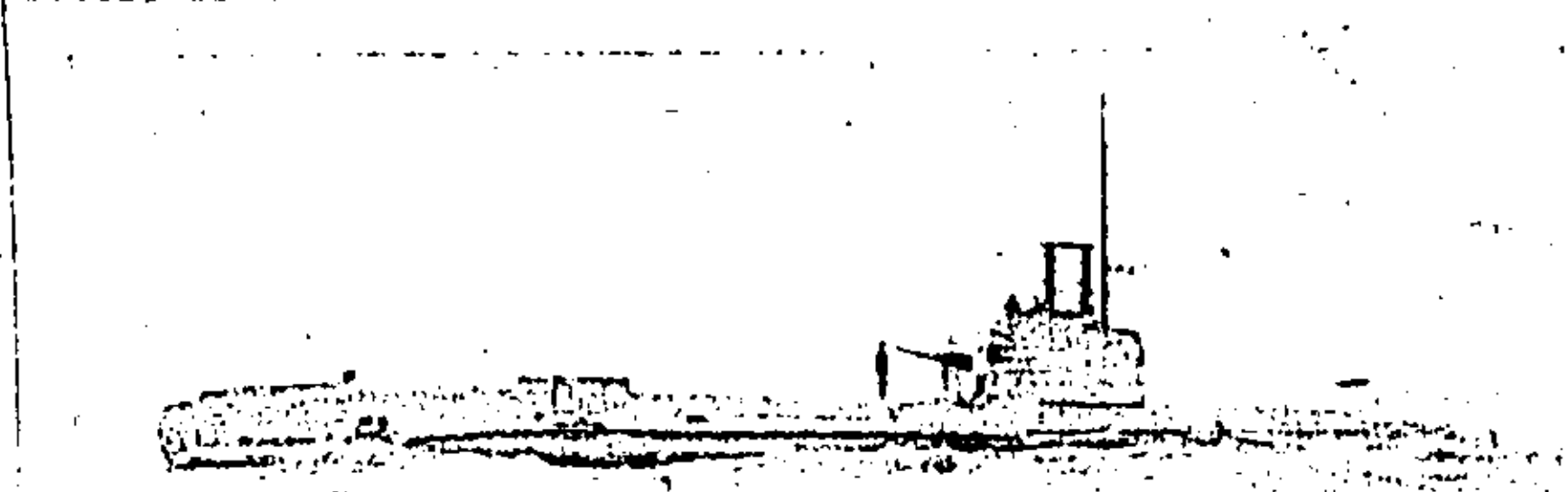
Laifeng, Kiangnan Attacked
The first group of Japanese bombers passed Yangang and bombed Laifeng, near the Hupeh-Hunnan border, according to Chinese reports.

The second group of 20 Japanese planes entered Szechuen and, it is reported, bombed Linghsien, north-east of Chungking and west of Wanhsien.

It is learned that 30 Japanese bombers also attempted to come up the river yesterday morning but turned back at Shai in view of the bad weather conditions.

WEEK OF BRILLIANT SUCCESS

The feat climaxes a brilliant week of success for the Royal Navy. It began with the flight and subsequent scuttling of the 'pocket Battleship' Admiral Graf Spee after an engagement with three British warships of inferior size and armaments.



H.M.S. SALMON

It continued with the sinking, at the mouth of the River Elbe, of an unidentified 6,000-ton Nazi cruiser, believed to be the Konigsberg. This feat was performed by H. M. submarine Ursula, the name of whose commander is not divulged.

GRAND FLEET ATTACKED

It ends with the successful attack by Lieut. Commander Bickford and his crew of 40 men on the Nazi Grand Fleet.

Lieut. Commander Bickford reports that there is every indication that "at least one of the German ships (the Leipzig) might well have failed to reach port."

Two torpedoes damaged another 6,000-ton cruiser.

The story of the exploits of the two British submarines is one of the most dramatic of the war.

In order to enter the River Elbe, the submarine Ursula, which is only a small coastal type vessel of 540 tons and carrying but 27 men, had to proceed through the Nazi minefields and set a course below six destroyers which were protecting units of the German fleet in the Elbe basin.

Fired Six Torpedoes
After passing the destroyers the Ursula crept up to a cruiser and released all six torpedoes from her bows.

The cruisers, which is of the Konigsberg type, sank within a few minutes.

The Nazi destroyers immediately dropped depth charges all around the sinking ship but, despite peril of imminent destruction, the Commander of the Ursula was able to manoeuvre his submarine into the open sea again, and so escaped.

His name is not given in the Admiralty reports. According to the July, 1939 Naval List, the three officers aboard the Ursula would be Lieut. Cmdr. G. C. Phillips, and Lieutenants R. L. Alexander and R.

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BICKFORD AND CREW
GET GREAT WELCOME

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Br. Wireless).—H.M.S. Salmon, the 670-ton British submarine which sank the Nazi cruiser Leipzig, torpedoed another cruiser of the Blucher class, sank an ocean-going U-boat and permitted the Bremen to escape destruction, returned to her home port to-day.

Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford and his crew of 40 men had an enthusiastic welcome when their small craft entered port.

As the Salmon entered the harbour, sirens shrieked on every vessel present—among them two destroyers of the Polish Navy which are at present co-operating with the British Navy.

The patrol from which H.M.S. Salmon returned is described in naval circles as the most eventful which has fallen to any submarine in this or the last war.

WAS IN HONGKONG

The man who sank the Nazi cruiser Leipzig was Lieut. Commander E. O. Bickford, who was in Hongkong until late in 1937.

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GRAF SPEE VICTIMS

Nazi Raider Sank
Only 48,000 Tons

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—At least two British ships scuttled themselves when the Graf Spee tried to capture them, it was learned to-day when fuller details of the raider's career became available.

On October 7, the Graf Spee's first victim, the 5,000-ton steamer Clement was encountered.

As the German ship opened fire on the Clement, her captain ordered the destruction of the ship's wireless engines and stores.

The searchlights were opened and the crew took to their boats.

Later they were placed aboard a Greek steamer, the master of which was threatened with sinking when he refused to take them on board without payment.

Ships Sunk By Bombs
Other ships, including the Ashley and Hantman, were sunk by bombs during October when the Graf Spee crept up on them unawares by flying the French flag.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL RESUME

NAZIS FUNKED BATTLE
WITH SMALLER SHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Referring to the Graf Spee battle in the course of a broadcast speech to-night, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that despite her far heavier armament and commanding range, the Graf Spee was driven to take refuge in a neutral harbour, and then had the alternative of submitting to internment or going down in battle like the Rawalpindi, which would have been honourable for her.

She found a third alternative, emerging not to fight but to sink herself in the fairway of a neutral State from which she had received shelter.

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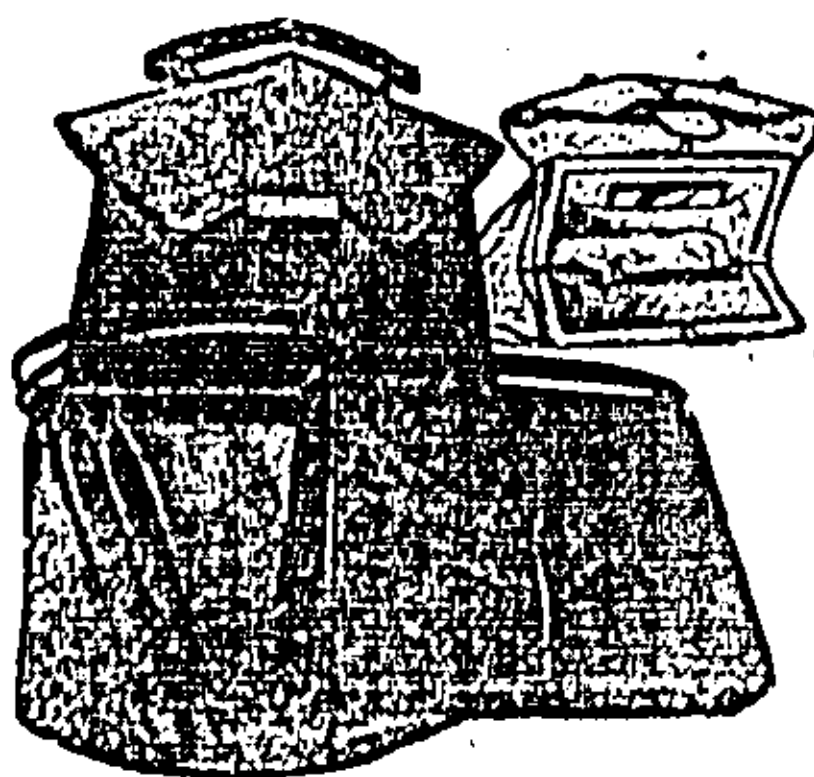
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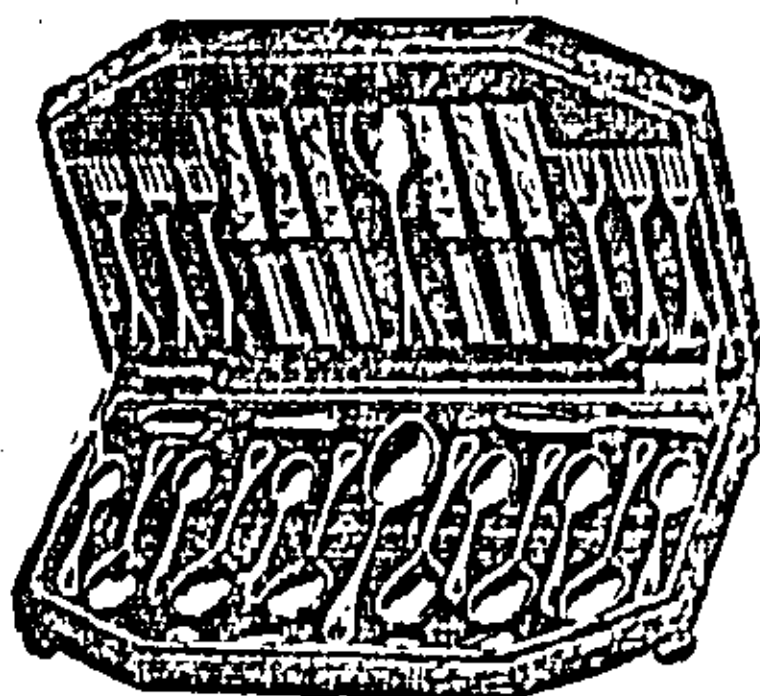
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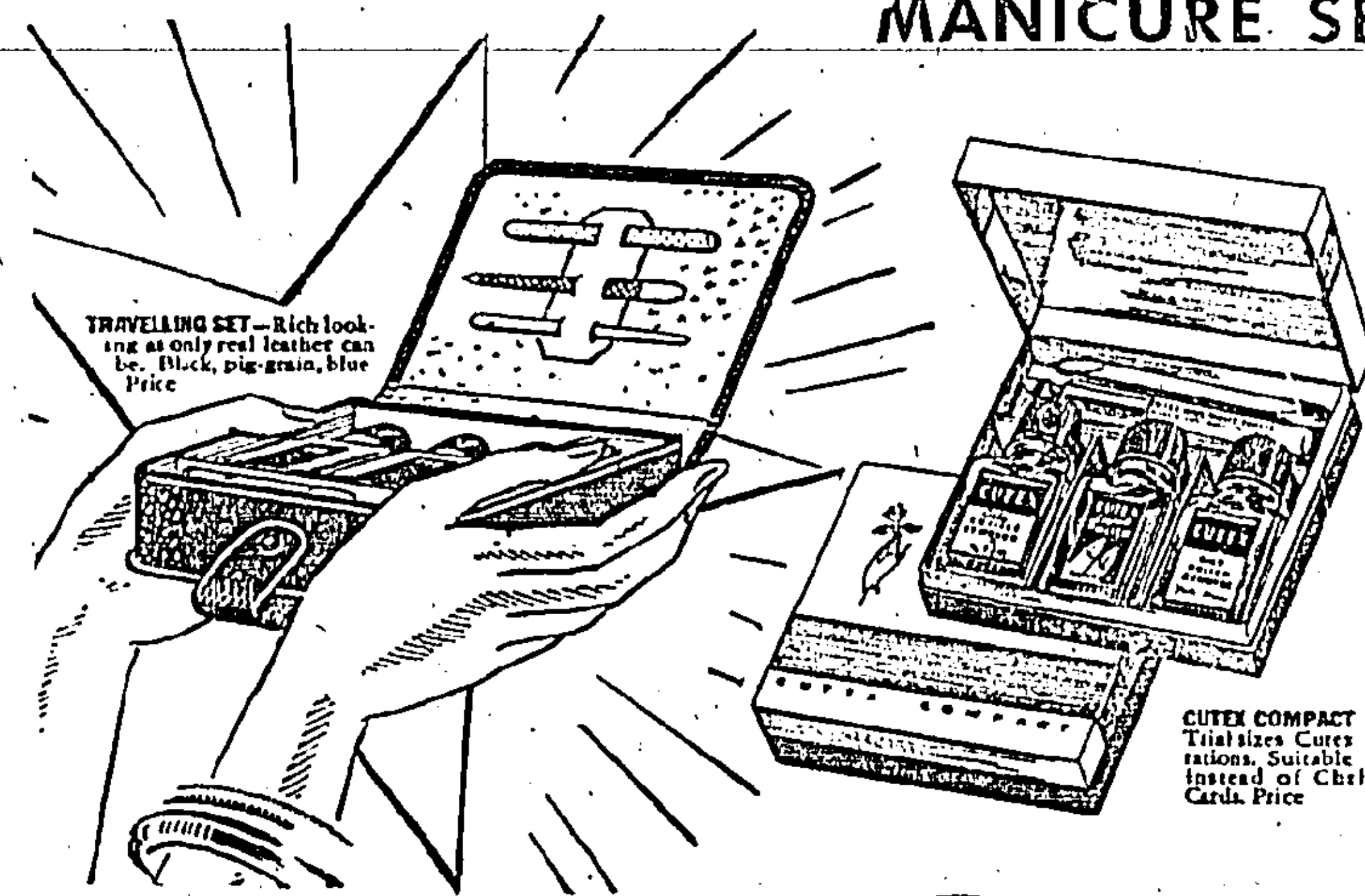
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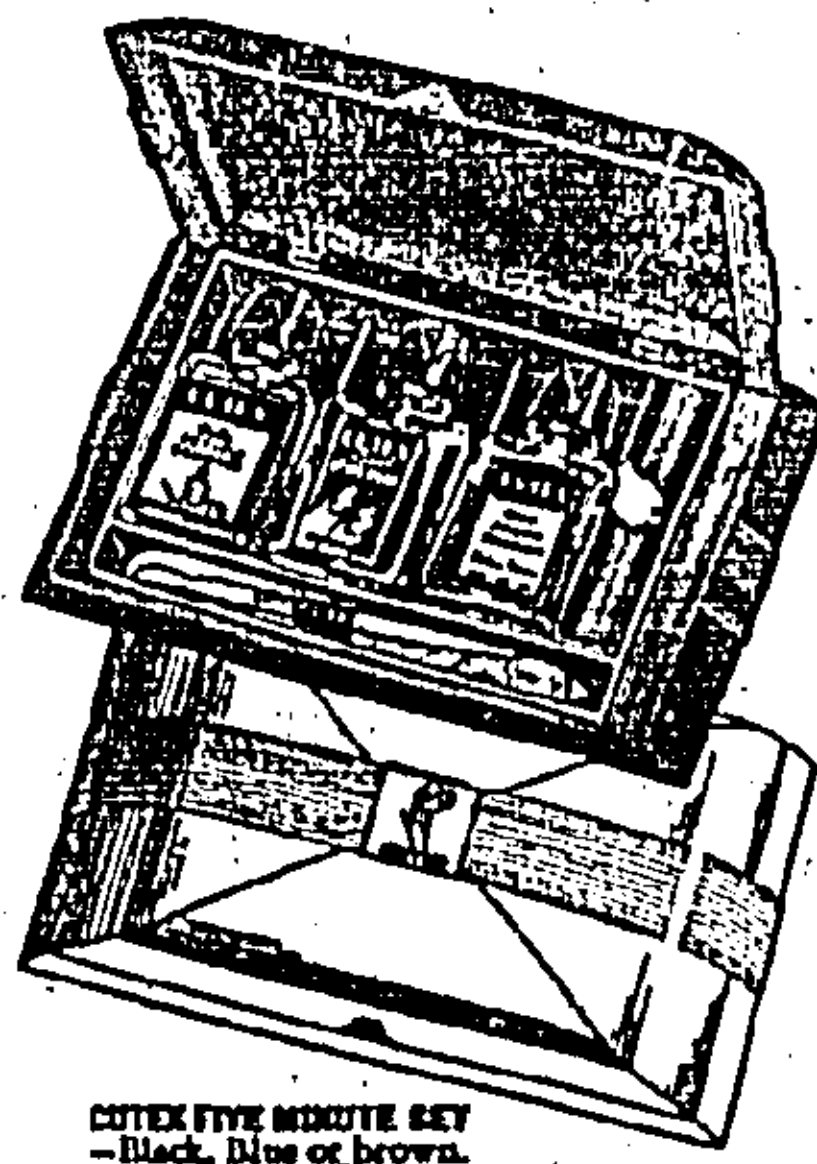


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RAIDERS PADDED RUBBER BOAT WITH THEIR HANDS

PADDLING their collapsible rubber boat with their hands, two German airmen who had been 48 hours adrift after their bomber had been shot down in the North Sea, landed near Whitby, on the Yorkshire coast, and were captured by a railway special constable.

This was the account of the capture given by George Thomas, the officer concerned.

"I was about 200 yards from Sandsend Tunnel when I saw a man standing at the entrance.

"As I approached, the man ran away and tried to climb some railings, but I caught him.

"Speaking broken English, he said that he and his companion were survivors of a plane crew of four. Two other occupants of the plane were shot and died when the plane came down in the sea.

Thomas took the airmen to Sandsend Station and police officers went for the other man, using the collapsible boat as a stretcher to carry him to the cliff-top.

THEIR SOS?

The previous night, distress signals were seen off Whitby and the Whitby and Runswick lifeboats put to sea, but failed to find a distressed crew.

The collapsible boat was fitted with life-saving and signalling apparatus. The airmen were taken to Whitby Cottage Hospital and the man said: "They are both getting on nicely and are not seriously ill. They are suffering from exposure."

The Air Ministry official announcement stated that the fliers were part of the crew of a bomber which was attacked by British fighters.

Mined Ship

MOTHER SEES BABY'S PICTURE

RE-UNITED: OTHER CHILD DIED IN HER ARMS AT SEA

LONDON, Nov. 20.

ONE of two babies who were lying unclaimed in hospital at Harwich after the sinking of the Dutch liner Simon Bolivar was reunited with her mother today.

She is ten-months-old Adriana Knevel. A sailor dived into the sea from a British ship to bring her to safety. He also saved a seven-months-old baby.

The mother, 35-years-old Mrs. Anna Knevel, of Amsterdam, who is in Colchester hospital, saw a picture of her baby in the newspapers to-day.

The child was at once taken the 30 miles from Harwich to her mother.

"Anna Was Gone"

Mrs. Knevel smiled later as she lay in bed with the child in her arms, only to break down again when she told an Evening News correspondent how her other daughter Anna, aged eight, was drowned.

"I jumped into the sea from our boat, clasping her in my arms," Mrs. Knevel continued. "We drifted about in the water for what seemed hours and hours. Then I was pulled out of the water and landed safely. I looked down at my child, but Anna was dead.

"My husband is in hospital at Sholley. Please give him a message for me. Tell him that I am well—that baby is safe—and tell him about our Anna."

Another Briton

Mr. James P. Couper, a British passenger, is one of those saved. His home is at Grasmere, Westmorland.

A strict guard was kept at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, over the 70 survivors of the Simon Bolivar, who are temporarily staying there.

Everyone entering or leaving the hotel was questioned by the police, and foreign nationals had to remain until they could obtain permits, for many had lost all their papers.

Brave Surgeon

Permits were not issued to the Germans or German-Jewish refugees among them.

There were many dramas of reunion and separation in the hotel to-day; one man, Mr. A. V. Grace, who last saw his wife when he put her in a lifeboat, was told by a fellow passenger that he saw her drowned a few minutes later.



NAZI SACRIFICE SUNDAY

"One Pot Sundays" have been done away with by the German "Winter Relief" authorities, who realise that it is difficult for Germans under present conditions to create anything else but one-pot menus in the normal way.

Instead, every second Sunday in the month will be "Sacrifice Sunday."

Those working for firms and organisations will have a sum equivalent to 10 per cent. of their income-tax or wages-tax—which applies in Germany to very low wages—deducted from their money during the winter, as a contribution to the "Winter Relief."

The latter, which purports to be a charitable institution, is in fact a disguised State super-tax to provide for the nourishment of underpaid State labour, and to pay for armaments and various items for Nazi leaders which would look bad on a Government balance-sheet.

Only Half For Needy
The "Frankfurter Zeitung," in a long article full of praise of the fund, says:

"Should any ignorant persons have asked a year ago why do we have to continue to contribute to the Winter Help fund now that everyone has work, then he would find his reply in Dr. Goebbels's speech—to help all those in need.

"Of course, of the 500,000,000 Reichsmarks—£41,070,000—collected in 1938-39," the paper adds, "only about one-half was used for this purpose, and even less would have been used had it not been necessary to help those in the Austrian and Sudeten provinces."

"Public Order Service"

Youths of the German minority in the Poznan district of occupied Poland are being trained in rifle and revolver shooting by military instructors. They are to be called the "Public Order Service"—for the terrorisation of Polish inhabitants.

"No Foolish Fashions"

The chief of the Technical Office for Clothing and Leather of the German Labour Front has warned Nazis that Germany does not possess sufficient textile materials to allow the manufacture of "foolish" fashion novelties. It would not be necessary to manufacture paper suits or cardboard shoes, but "modish exaggerations of every kind must be avoided."

It is denied that fashions will be regimented to uniform style. Indeed, it is claimed that the lead in fashions has since the war left Paris and been taken over by Vienna and Berlin.

Stockings Rationed

Silk, artificial silk, cotton and wool stockings and socks for men, women and children—except for children under the age of 3—are now rationed.

Women in Postal Service

The number of women in the German postal service has been increased from 43,000 to 75,000 since war broke out.

Another, Mr. Wensyoori, a Dutchman, saw a newspaper picture of his wife and two children, safe at a Harwich hospital. They are being brought to London. A young British surgeon, Dr. H. C. Hugh, it is disclosed to-day, tried to attend the captain of the Bolivar as he lay dying on the wreckage of the bridge, but the doctor was too late.

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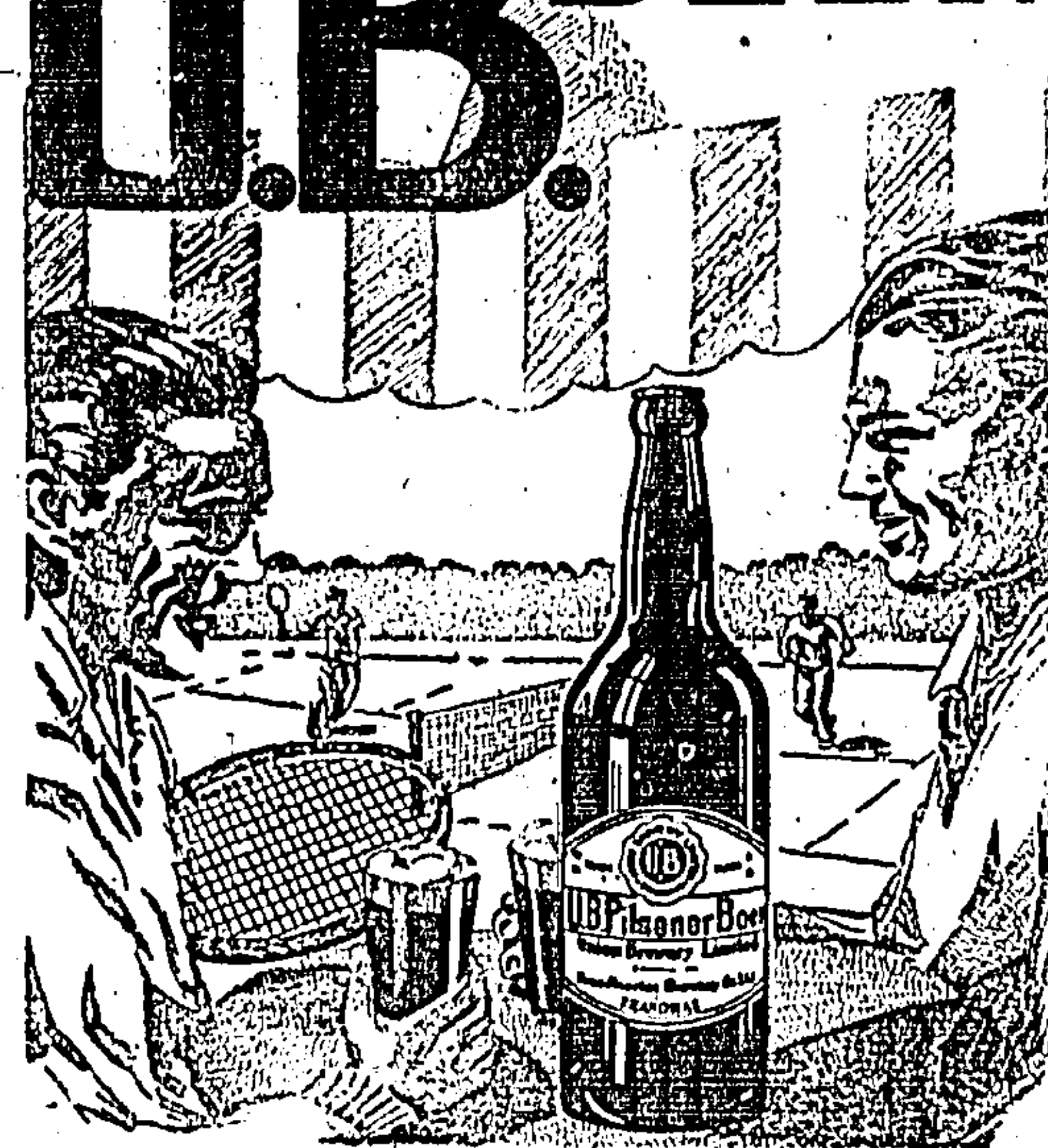
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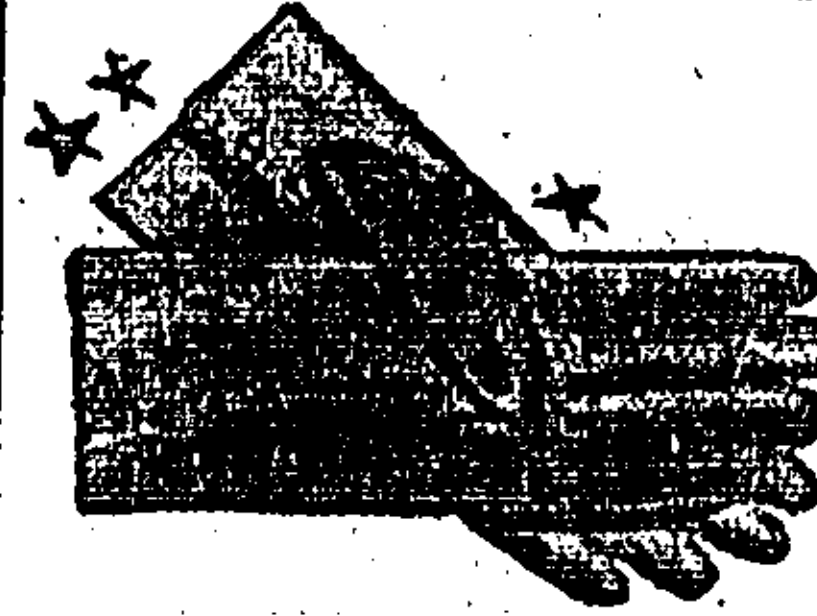
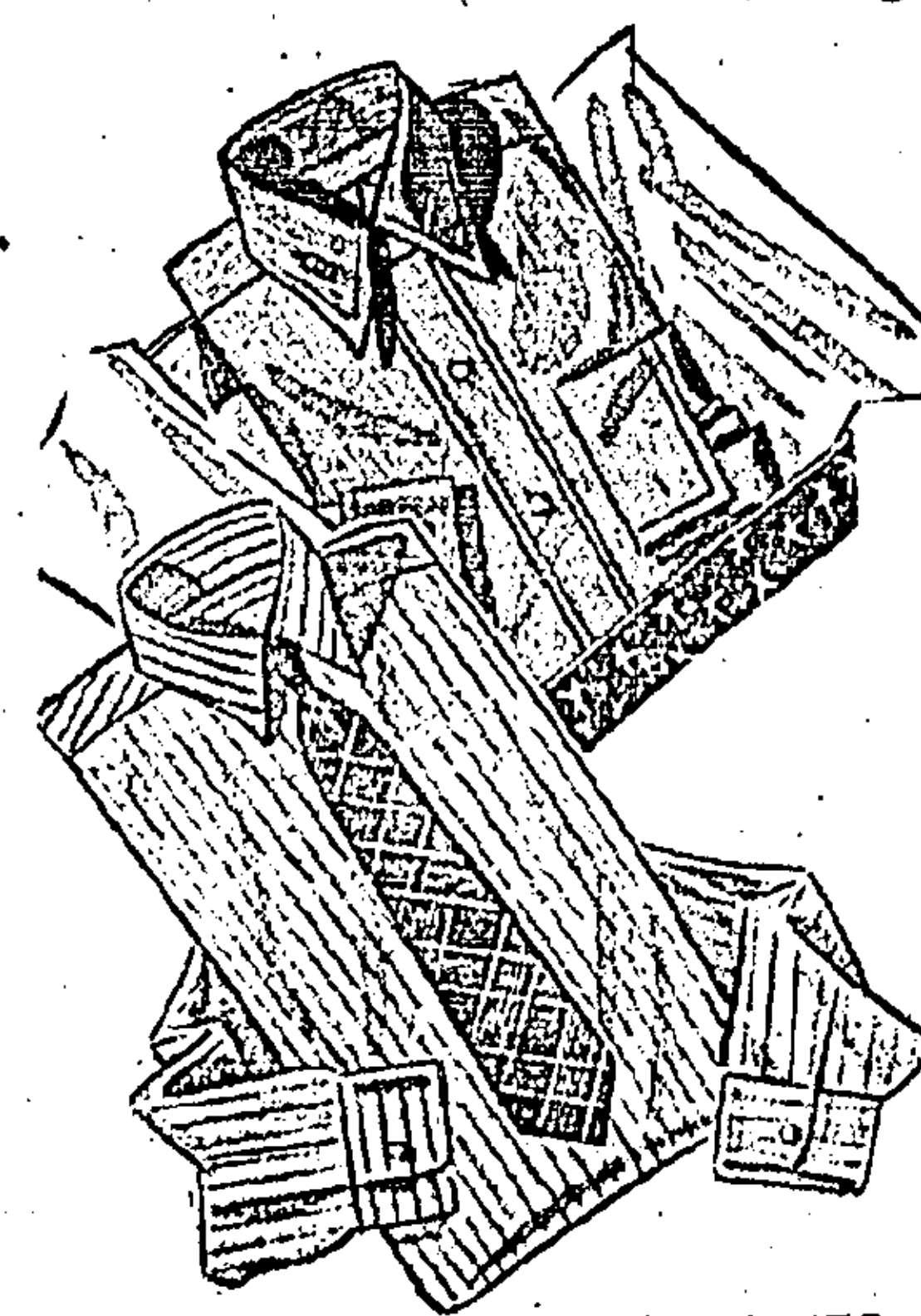
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FOURTEEN weeks ago, when the war began, Joyce and Sadie Gardner, of Woodclose, Bethnal Green, E., cried as they kissed their bus-driver father good-bye and went off to their evacuation home in the country.

Now, with the 21 other small evacuees who are living in the ancient hamlet of Saxon Street, near Newmarket, Suffolk, they would probably cry at the idea of going back to London.

You see, in Saxon Street, which has only 100 inhabitants, they pride themselves on having the "happiest, healthiest, and best-behaved evacuees" in the country.

It was not always so. I have the authority of the billeting officer, Mrs. Beatrice F. Gent, for saying this. Saxon Street, picturesque little cluster of homesteads in the heart of the country, did not care much at first for the idea of being invaded by bolsherois Cockney girls and boys.

"They Stay Here"
"But when the kiddies came, some of them looking so pale, our hearts went out to them" said Mrs. Gent. "And it will be a sad day when we have to part with them."

There is not much doubt in the village that it will not be until the war is over that they lose their evacuees. "We hear about children being brought back to London from all over the country, but we have not lost one of ours," says Mrs. Gent with pride.

"All through the village the kiddies are loving the little jobs they are allowed to do, especially feeding the chickens. We could do with multitudes of chickens, with the volunteers we have at feeding time," said Mrs. Gent.

Ambassador Becomes Private

M. Lipsky, the former Polish Ambassador in Berlin, has joined the newly formed Polish Army in France as a private soldier. Before leaving for camp M. Lipsky married Mile. Bonet, a Polish lady of French origin, who escaped from her country after the German invasion.

At the same time in Paris the marriage took place of Miss Boyce Thompson-Schulze, daughter of Mrs. Drexel Biddle, the wife of the United States Ambassador to Poland, and Prince Alexander Hohenlohe-Ingelstingen, of the 81st Cavalry.

Several Bethnal Green mothers have been down to visit their children.

Of course there were difficulties at first. But the simple, kindly folk of Saxon Street knew that patience, common sense, and a little self-sacrifice could put things right. "And it's been worth it. You have only to look at the children," says Mrs. Gent.

Boy Shot A Bird, Became A Pacifist

PLEAS put forward by conscientious objectors before tribunals which sat in different parts of England included:

The Robin: "Ten years ago I was given an air-gun. I took it out and killed a robin in the garden. When I picked up the little robin I knew that I had committed murder."—C. V. Ashford, french polisher, Cloncurry Street, S.W.

He gave notice of appeal when ordered to engage in non-combatant duties.

The Vegetarian: "I am a vegetarian, and my conscience revolts against the killing of man or beast."

—Ronald Thompson, electrician's mate, Wakehurst Road, S.W.

His father said: "We have had a deuce of a job with him over this vegetarian business. His mother and I are meat-eaters, and carry on in the old-fashioned way."

Thompson was registered for non-combatant duties.

Sincere

The Godmother: Derek J. Hep-ton, science student, of Dalton Hall, Manchester, who was granted unconditional registration, produced a letter written by his godmother, stating that she was "entirely in support of Mr. Chamberlain and the Government in this war," but was satisfied with the sincerity of Derek's views.

The Father: "Since I returned from the last war I have had a terrible struggle. For several years I did not sleep. To think that my son should be 'out there' would be agony."—The speaker was the father of J. B. Whines, woodworker, of Nightingale Road, W., who was registered provided he worked in agriculture or forestry.

The Boy: "When I was six years old a boy asked me where my father was. I did not know. I went home and asked my mother, and she told me he was killed in the war six months before I was born."—Reuben H. A. Strong, clerk, of Casanova Mansions, Stoke Newington. It was ruled that his objection was not based on conscience and his name was removed from the list.

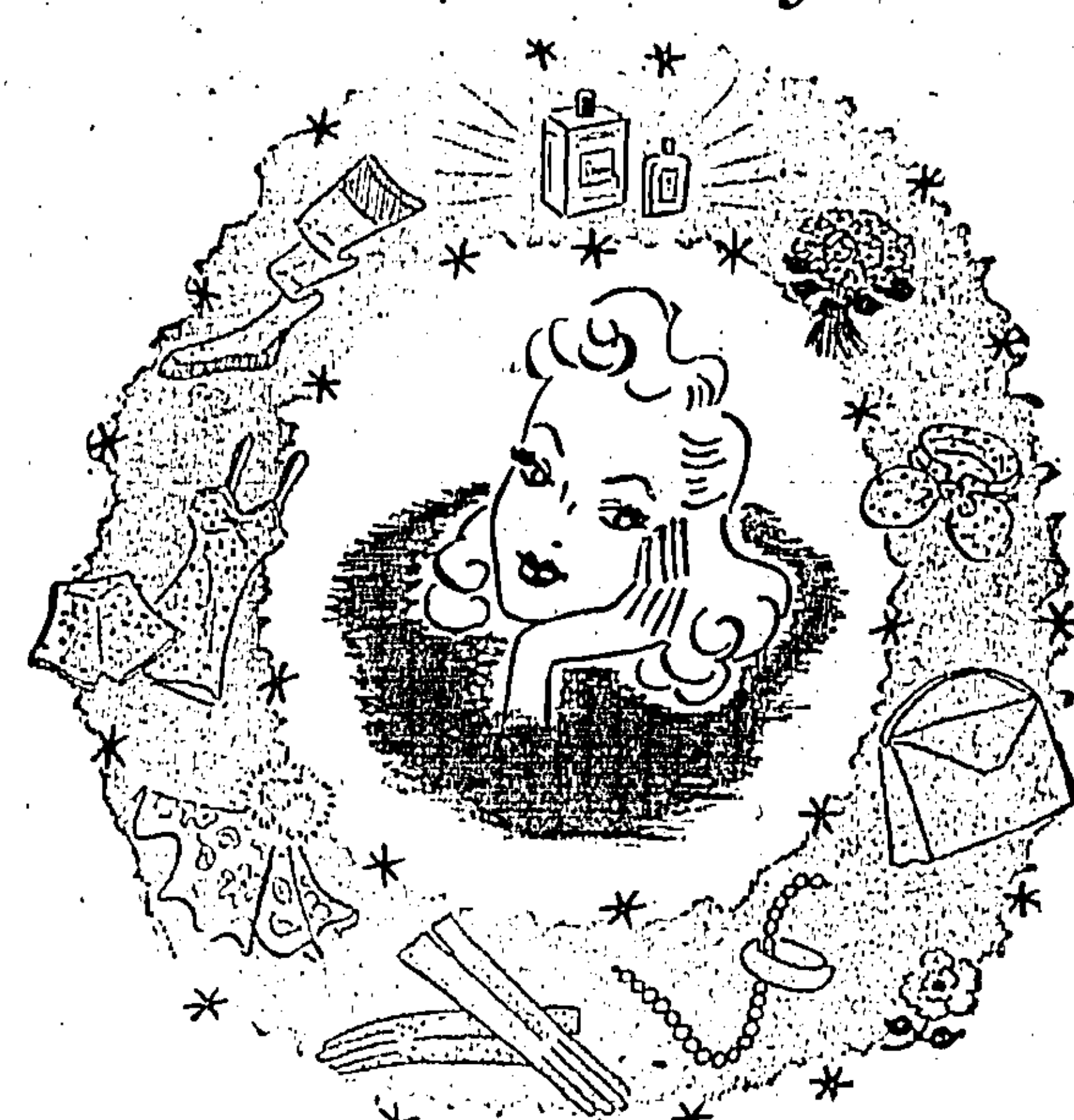
"Sin To Kill"

The Mother: "War is man-made and killing a sin."—J. L. Tyler, apprentice draughtsman, of Ferrers Avenue, West Drayton.

The father said his son could not help holding that view, as his mother suffered from the effects of air raids in the last war.

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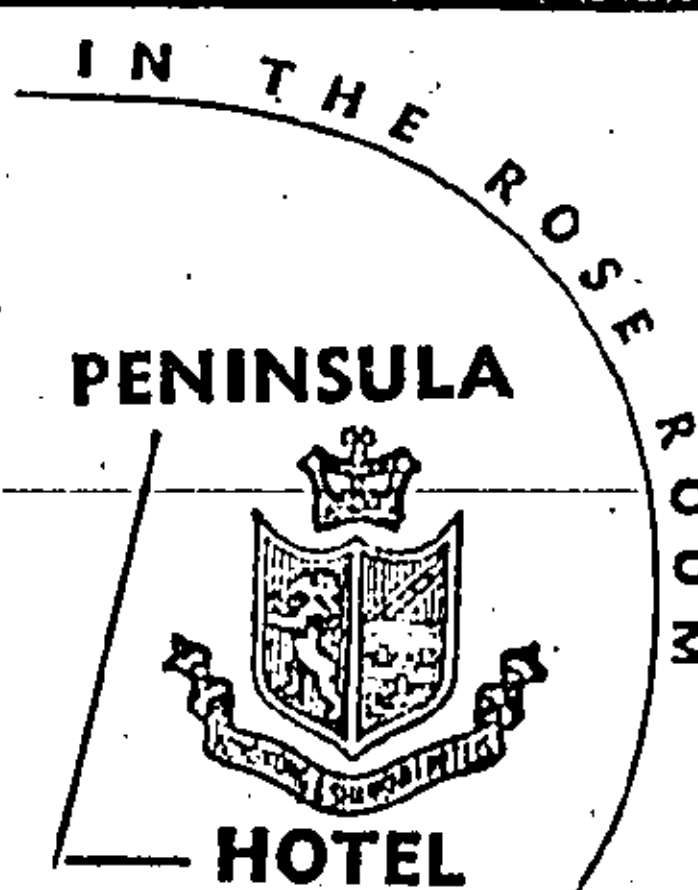
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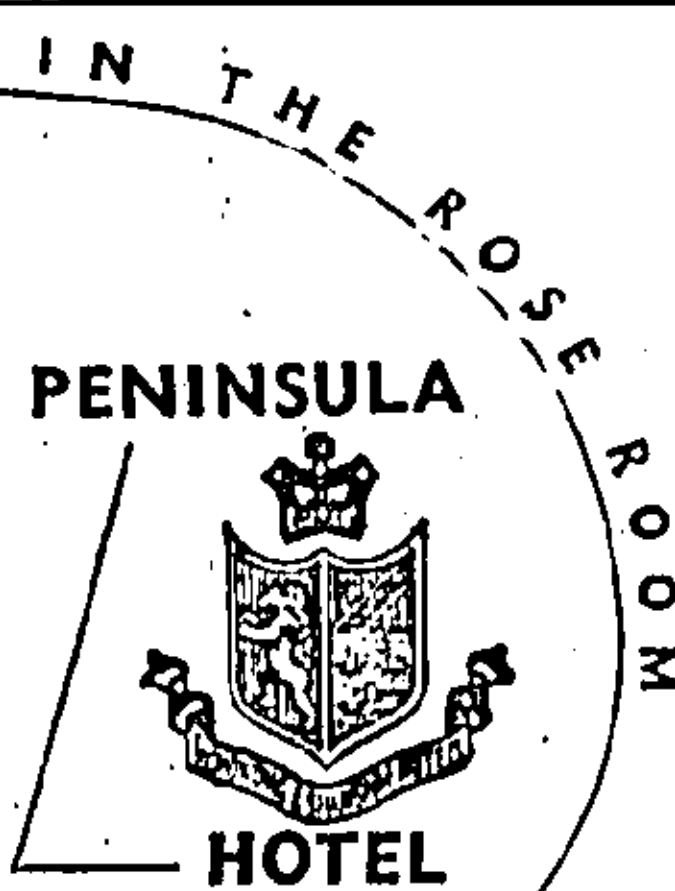
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CANADIAN TROOPS LAND IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The disclosure that the leading division of the Canadian Army, strongly escorted across the ocean and guarded by our main battle fleet, has disembarked safely and smoothly in one of our harbours for a period of intensive training before joining their comrades on the Western Front, was made by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a broadcast to-night.

More Troops Coming Durhams Leave Peiping

PEIPING, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A Durham Light Infantry detachment, which has hitherto been carrying out duty as British Embassy guard, left by train to-night en route to Hongkong, leaving one platoon of the East Surrey, roughly 35 men under two officers, to take over their duties.

Their destination, after Hongkong, is not disclosed.

Cheery Send-Off

The Durhams, who are being withdrawn in accordance with the British Government's decision to reduce the North China garrison, marched in full kit, wearing fur caps and heavy greatcoats on account of the cold, through the streets of the Legation quarter to the station, which is outside the quarter.

They were seen off by a large number of foreign diplomatic officials and military officers.

CHUNGKING TO BERLIN BY AIR

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18. The first German and the first foreigner to travel by air the entire distance between Chungking and Berlin, via Alma Ata and Moscow, will be the Chinese correspondent of the German News Agency who is scheduled to leave Chungking tomorrow morning by plane for Hanoi by the Chinese Government air service, to Alma Ata by the Chinese and Soviet Aviation Corporations service, then by the Soviet service to Moscow and thence by Lufthansa's fast express to Berlin.

The correspondent's sole purpose in making the trip is to get acquainted with the conditions of air communication between Europe and Asia via Siberia. He plans to return to Chungking by the same route next January.

If the conditions are good, the young German correspondent expects to reach Berlin before Christmas.—United Press.

Dardanus Due

After the completion of temporary repairs, the Imperial Airways plane Dardanus is expected to be flown to Kai Tak from Fort Bayard to-day. The plane was flown to Fort Bayard from Weihow Island where it landed after being riddled with bullets from attacking Japanese fighters.

It will be flown on here by Capt. J. N. Wilson, the pilot who was in charge of the plane when it was attacked. Extensive repairs will have to be carried out at Hongkong before the aircraft can be put back into service again.

Clipper Expected To-day

With the famous former world champion heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey on board the China Clipper is expected to arrive here at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

The plane was delayed a day at Manila by weather conditions. Dempsey who is to referee the Garcia-Lee fight at Manila on December 23 will return to Manila by the plane to-morrow.

ITALIAN POLICY PRAISED

British Press And Ciano's Speech

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The British Press is extremely interested in Italian policy following Saturday's speech by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

The "Manchester Guardian" calls the speech one of the most important of the war.

When the Soviet-Nazi Pact was signed, says the paper, the Italian Foreign Minister was as surprised as the rest of Europe.

Typical Of Hitler

Hitler gave Italy less notice than is customary and expected between partners.

The paper stresses Count Ciano's reference to the fact that Italy and Germany had agreed that they must avoid war for some years in their own interests.

This says the "Manchester Guardian" would be disturbing reading for Germany if the German people were ever allowed to read it.

The paper also points out that in March this year Germany had agreed not to do anything for some four or five years, during which time she could organise her military resources.

Mussolini Landed

The "Times" praises Signor Mussolini's efforts to preserve peace.

Hitler replied with a refusal 18 days before the invasion of Poland.

So much for the often reiterated Nazi Slogan about the "patience of the Fuehrer."

The "Manchester Guardian" also looks forward into the future. The last war, it points out, was followed by a great epidemic.

"What strength will the populations of Poland and Czechoslovakia have to resist the disease?"

"And what of the impoverished population of the Reich?" the paper asks.

H.K. Boys Make Toys For Local Shops

Mr. & Mrs. North Visit Industrial School

The remarkable progress and achievements of the Hong Kong Industrial School during the past twelve months drew forth high praise from Mr. R. A. C. North, who is the chairman of the board of managers of the school, when he and Mrs. North paid a visit yesterday and inspected the various departments.

Mr. P. Phipps of the Botanical and Forestry Department was also present and the visitors were met at the school by Father Bernardini, the Principal, Father Salvo and Brother Grimshaw.

Making Toys For H.K. Shops

Mr. and Mrs. North and the other visitors toured the various departments and workshops, and Mrs. North showed particular interest in the shop, where the boys are busy making toys for Hongkong retailers. The toys were rated as high in quality and craftsmanship as any which before the war had been imported from Japan and Europe.

An important function was the inauguration of the foundry, where the first piece of iron was smelted and the visitors were able to see the finished work before they left.

Gymnastic Display

The theatre was also visited where the 200 boys were assembled. They gave the visitors a rousing reception and afterwards entertained with a gymnastic performance which was highly appreciated.

The school band under the direction of Brother Fantini also gave a performance.

Two speeches in Chinese and English were delivered by two of the pupils, and before he left, Mr. North expressed his thanks for the entertaining time spent, and his appreciation of the wonderful progress made by the school during the past twelve months.

Slap In The Eye For Goebbels

India Laughs At Crude Propaganda

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A special commentary states that the "Bombay Chronicle" says:

"The Berlin broadcasts are daily trying to present the rulers of Germany as the friends of India. It is in keeping with their tradition of perfidy and hypocrisy that the Nazis, who only a few weeks ago were slandering Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru as 'agents of World Jewry,' are now praising them for their stand on the war issue."

"They are sadly mistaken, of course, if they imagine that either by vilification or flattery that they can shake Nationalist India's firm Anti-Nazi position."

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The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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East Asia	1,350 sa.

INSURANCES

Canton	210 n.
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China Underwriter	14 n.
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Wharves	101 b.
Docks	19.45/50 sa.
Providents	4.60 n.
New Eng. Sh.	19 n.
Sh. Docks	105 n.

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Hauus s ex. div.	10.10 n.
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H.K. Realities	4.40 sa.
Chinese Estates	103 n.

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Trams	17.20 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	66 n.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	8.20 sa.
China Lights (new)	5 b.
H.K. Electric	53 b.
Maaco Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights ex. div.	11.00 n.
Telephones (old)	25 1/2 s.
Telephones (new)	25 1/2 s.
Tractions s/-	18/3 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	18/0 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Maag. (Ord.)	Sh. \$ 14.00 n.
Cald. Maag. (Pref.)	Sh. \$ 13 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	16 1/2 n.
H.K. Rope	6 n.

STORES, &

Dairy Farms (old)	2 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	20.25 n.
Watson	8.85 sa.
Lane, Crawfords	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Fowell, Ltd.	1 n.

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Shai Cotton Sh. ex. div.	102 n.
Zong Sing, Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.	48 1/2 n.

H.K. Entertainments

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H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	97 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	14 1/2 n.
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WESTERN FRONT

Bitter Winter Weather

Military Activity Dies Down

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Bitter winter weather prevails on the Western Front with low temperature, snow and strong winds.

Military activity has been less than on the previous day except in a fairly large area between the Saar and Vosges, where numerous patrols have been constantly patrolling.

The Germans made another raid in this area, but were driven off by French fire, and the raids, as a result, were completely negative.

Tommies Versus Nazis

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that towards mid-day a sharp engagement occurred in the Vosges area between one of our reconnoitering parties and German units.

We took some prisoners, including officers.

Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 8.)
The Middlesex scored 93 for 8 wickets. They were without Man, who has hardly been able to play at all this season, though, I am glad to say, I am told he will be able to turn out more in the future. I doubt however if he will be preferred to Grace in the Army Triangular Tournament.

And that reminds me. The Navy are down to play the Club on December 30 and January 1, 1940 in the Triangular Tournament. I sincerely hope that they will endeavour to field a side. Would it not be possible to work in with the R.F.S. who are very keen now and run a side of their own? It would be a pity to let one of our few two-day games fade out. If they cannot do it, then I would suggest that a game Island versus Mainland be substituted. This should produce some very interesting cricket.

R. A. F. Crash

THE AIR FORCE batting was by no means up to their previous standard, and only C. M. King (18) reached double figures in a miserable total of 47. Y. T. Barmat 4 for 8 was the best bowling record. Nor did the I.R.C. do very much better, though at the end A. R. Sumner ran up 21 not out. Waddington's figures of 10.5-3-24-6 were excellent, and included a hot trick. They were all out for 72 runs.

Veterans At Cricket

IT WAS A PERFECTLY delightful day on Sunday last when two teams of over the age of forty-five met at the Kowloon Cricket Club for a most excellent lunch and a very pleasant afternoon's cricket. It was intended to be a sort of farewell to R. E. Linsell, who is, I understand, retiring at the end of the season.

There were several people who had been quite well known as cricketers some years ago, but who have not played for a long time. Blaker, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Humphreys and C. C. Sharke have not played, I think, for at least four or five years—much longer in some cases—while since 1936 E. W. Hamilton has only turned out in the Oxford and Cambridge match. On the other side Jex has not played for several years, and his excellent wicket keeping—the three extras were widely indicated that his retirement was premature.

The Hongkong side batted first, and the understanding was that the score of 25 called for retirement with the concession that the batsman could carry on to the end of the over. That some batsmen availed themselves of this is signified by the fact that both Gillespie and Eric Mitchell got to 32 while T. E. Pearce was bowled at 30 trying to hit a 6 instead of a 4 to what account is that compared with square leg. McLeod also retired for such an excellent game?

26, and there were other useful contributions. G. S. Lovett 14, and Hamilton put on 20 for the last wicket to send up the 200.

WEAK BOWLING

IT SOON became evident that although the Hongkong side's batting was very much stronger than that of Kowloon, their bowling was very much weaker, and it was a question of which would crack worst. Jex, who was expecting to make runs, was taken first slip off the first ball of the innings. Three wickets went down fairly soon, and then R.E. Linsell came in and played an extraordinary good innings.

He was very nearly bowled twice early on, and he was dropped twice in the deep, but he played a great many very fine shots on the off—shots which, quite frankly, I never thought he had in his bag. He and Captain Parsons dead-headed for the rest of the innings. It was decided that as it was his "benefit" he should play the second period out!

He made such good use of it that he took his score to 56 before he slightly sprained a muscle, and decided to call it a day. C.G. Green was the only man to do anything else. Even apart from his score of 23 not out, he took the other, however, did very little.

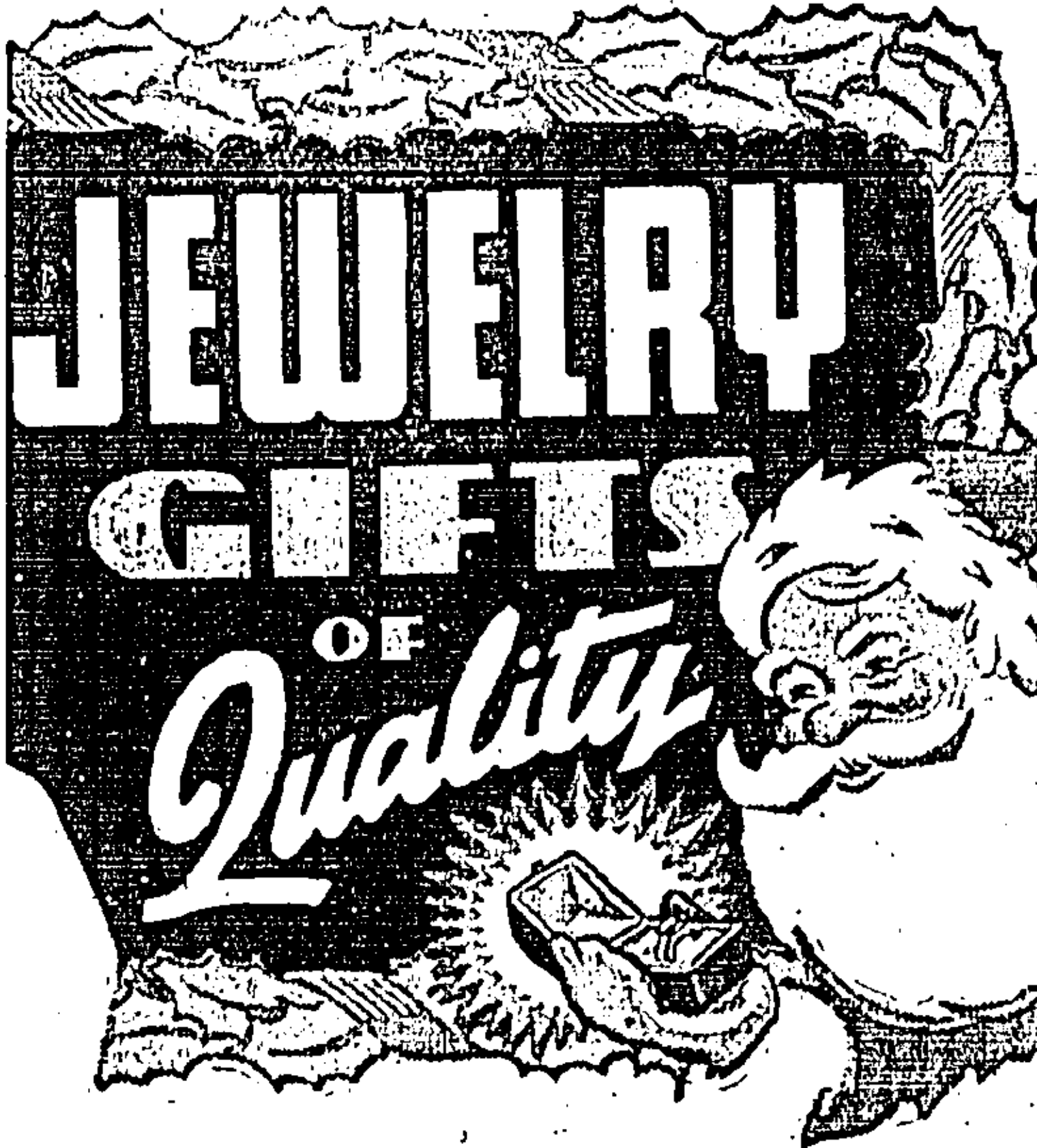
Redmond, who had a tremendous lot of work to do in the deep field and came at least two croppers trying to save fours, was suddenly discovered to be an ex-bowler. He sent down two overs which were probably as good as anyone else's, but managed to bowl Stokes and get Ezra Abraham caught at the wicket. The next ball, rebounding from McLeod's pads into the wicket, stumped F.E. Nash. I see, by the way, that the scorer thought he was bowled.

LACKING LENGTH

AS I HAVE STATED, all the bowling was sadly lacking in length, that is, speaking of Hongkong. Parsons and W. Nash bowled very well for Kowloon though the former did not manage to get a wicket. They were both up against quite useful batting, and, indeed, so far as the batting went, I rather thought that the side could hold its own against any second division team, if not a first division team.

It was a most enjoyable day and very pleasant it was to see some of the earlier cricketers turning out again. H. E. the Governor had intended to play but stood down at the last moment and umpired. J. P. Robinson was at the other end. He must have been umpiring now for about twenty years, and for how many years before that he was playing for Kowloon I can't remember. I know he captained them somewhere about 1915 or so.

I cannot help thinking however, that there will be a certain number of people walking about extremely stiffly for the next forty-eight hours. I definitely know one who is. The unaccustomed effort of holding a bat (and getting runs with it), has so cramped the muscles of his hands that he can hardly raise a glass to his lips, without spilling it. But of what account is that compared with what account is that compared with square leg. McLeod also retired for such an excellent game?



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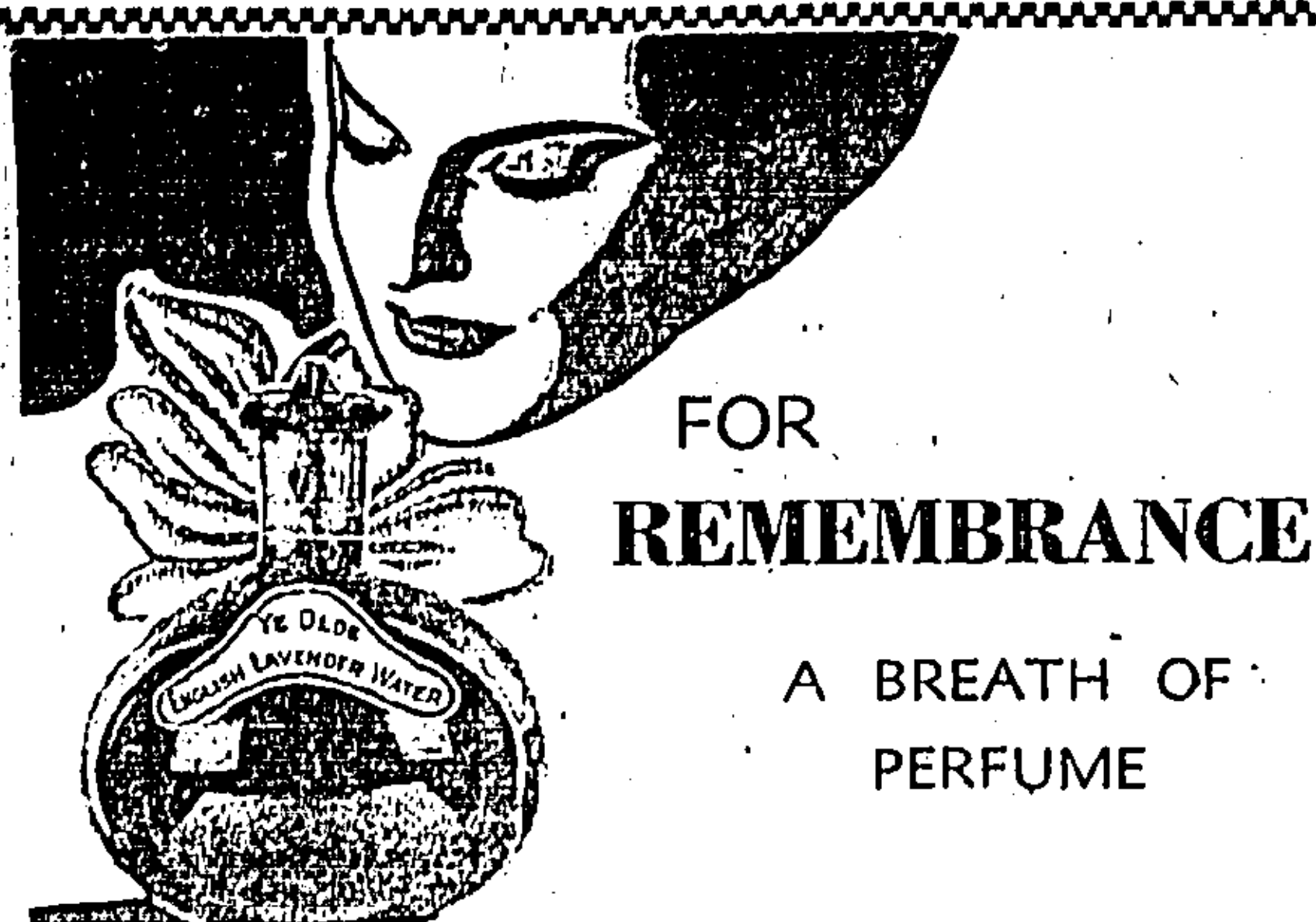
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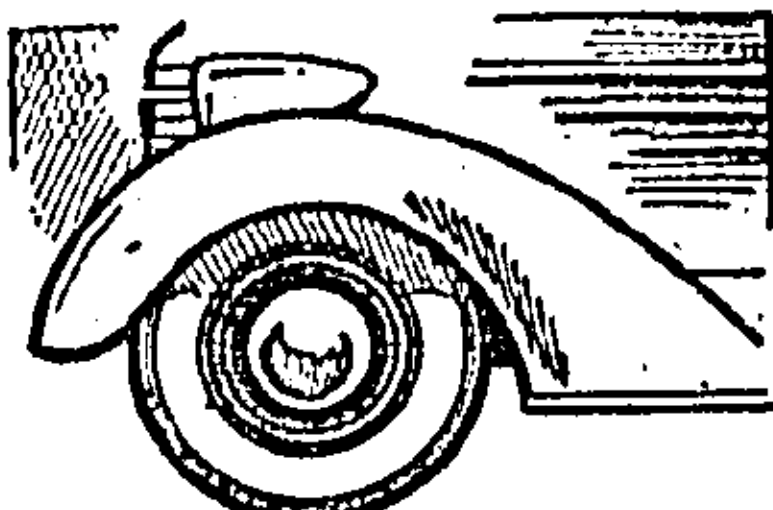
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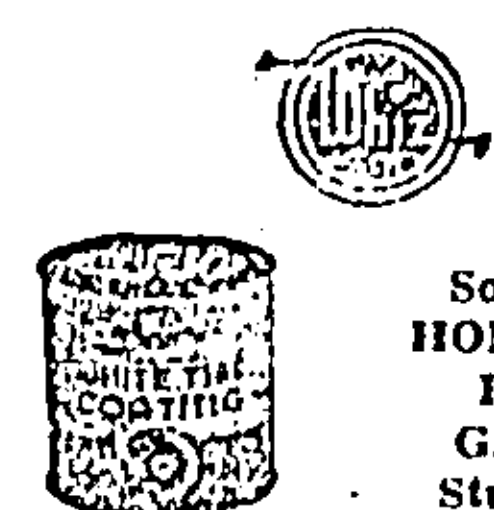
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German Home Front

In the last war the German attitude to food rationing was very much our own. It was approached gradually, after acute shortages and unrest had appeared, and it became more stringent as the war went on. This time the German Government has started from the other end. Food rationing was brought in from the start of the war and it has been extended since. It is now on an extremely elaborate scale. At the same time there is an equally complicated rationing of clothing. In Britain the Government takes it as a virtue that English people do not have to put themselves to much inconvenience to meet the needs of the war and avoids rationing like the plague. The Germans take the opposite standpoint. Their Government boasts that it puts the screw on hard at the beginning. Now, it claims with pride, it is possible to relax a little. This no doubt is the consequence of the unexpected course of the war; the Germans counted on more than we did on such a relatively inactive war, and it is characteristic that they should attribute the relaxations (such as they are) to the superior courage of the Führer's administrative measures rather than to the unpredicted way the war has developed.

It is important in estimating German strength and weakness to keep in mind the thoroughness of this organisation on the home front. Rationing is only one aspect of it. The German worker has been compelled to give up his eight-hour day and is working a normal ten-hour day at the same time rates. But he is now to receive the concession that his extra earnings are not to be taken away from him by taxation and that if, exceptionally, he does work an eleven or twelve-hour day he will get his overtime. Holidays were stopped, but are now to be reintroduced. The ten-hour day is to be sweetened by the general establishment of works canteens and by the giving of extra food allowances through the factories, allowances which will be used in the main for the canteen meals. Extra pay for night work was stopped but is now to be given again. Women are only exceptionally to work at nights. Christmas-boxes are to reappear. Compulsion to work is only to be applied "after the most careful examination and in cases of absolute necessity." It would be



THE RETREAT TO AND FROM MOSCOW

Hitler has lost, in the Admiral Graf Spee, one of the most valuable warships in his fleet. What of the remainder? Will they be as easy to trap as the Admiral Graf Spee? Has Hitler many such ships? These topical questions are answered below.

HITLER is trying to convince the world that Germany is a great naval power. His propagandists have claimed that Germany now commands the North Sea.

More likely than not Hitler's boast is a hope for the future. Just as he described the Siegfried Line as invincible long before there were more than half-a-dozen machine-gun nests ready, so he relies on four or five 35,000-ton battleships which were laid down in Hamburg, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven in 1937 and 1938. They were scheduled to be completed in 1941-42. They may be ready sooner.

For the time being Germany's biggest battleship is the Scharnhorst, of 26,000 tons with nine 11in. and twelve 5.9in. guns, thirty A.A. guns, four aircraft and two catapults.

The Scharnhorst is certainly a formidable vessel. But so was her sister ship, the Gneisenau, which was certainly seriously damaged, and may have been sunk outright, in the British air raid on Wilhelmshaven.

There are, of course, better and more carefully built German warships. With the construction of these ships Hitler and his Nazis had little to do. They were planned and laid down before he came to power. They are known as Germany's pocket battleships, the Deutschland, the Admiral Scheer, and the Admiral Graf Spee.

Only two of these remarkably efficient ships of 10,000 tons now remain. One the Deutschland is known to be at sea. The Admiral Graf Spee is destroyed. No one knows where the Admiral Scheer is at present.

Their captains and crews can hardly be proud of the tasks to which Hitler put them in the past. The Deutschland was sent to Spain during the Civil War. She had no business there and Hitler is the only one to blame because a Spanish plane bombed her by mistake, killing twenty of the crew and wounding seventy.

Hitler's revenge for this mishap was a typical example of frightfulness. He sent the Admiral Scheer to bombard the defenceless Spanish town Almeria. Almeria was destroyed, innocent women and children were killed. The world was shocked.

The Deutschland encountered the British Navy before this war began. During the crisis in May she made suspicious moves in the Mediterranean. The British battleship Hood never left her until she reached German waters.

The third of the group—Admiral

dangerous to assume that these measures of control on the home front are so stiff that the German workers must be driven inevitably towards revolt. It would be a wiser judgment to note them as examples of the energy with which Germany is throwing her organised strength into the war. And although her methods may not be ours her energy and foresight are something we should be foolish to despise.

What is Hitler's Navy?

by Willi
FRISCHAUER

Graf Spee—was one of the last German warships to visit a British port. She attended the Coronation Naval Review in 1937.

The rest of Hitler's fleet cannot compare with the British Navy. The Nürnberg and the Leipzig, both of 6,000 tons, are his two outstanding cruisers.

With the Königsberg, model for another class of German warships, she visited Portsmouth a few years ago. The Königsberg, however, does not always wait for an invitation. She gate-crashed the British naval and air manoeuvres off the East Coast in 1938.

A little smaller, but highly efficient too, is the Emden, 5,400 tons with eight 5.9in. guns and four torpedo tubes, namesake of the German raider which made her name during the Great War.

I could tell you about many other Nazi ships: about the Koeln, which was on a world-cruise when Hitler came to power and was the first German ship to be greeted by

the Fuehrer; about the Schleswig, which is only a training ship, built in 1905, but is put to sea as a warship like her sister-ship Schleswig Holstein.

Soon there may be a number of new German warships ready, bigger than all those mentioned. The Bluecher and the Admiral Hipper were on the Nazis' 1938 programme. The Prinz Eugen was launched only recently.

There are also destroyers of a smaller size—the D. von Roeder class and the Maass class—torpedo boats, most of them built in 1928, depot-ships, mine-sweepers, escort and patrol vessels and tenders. Two aircraft-carriers, each for 40 aircraft, are being built.

The most difficult craft in the Nazi Navy to assess are the submarines. There were 15 ocean going submarines when the war started. The total number of German submarines was roughly 60.

More than 20 of them were sunk by the British and French Navies within seven weeks. Twenty had to return to their home bases for repairs. The rest are still at large.

But there will not be many Nazi submarines to bring Hitler any good news for Christmas.

...and who are his soldiers?

SOME Tories in this country—seven perhaps some of those who rule us—would like to see the old "military masters" of Germany return to their full power.

Certainly, any sane man could well prefer the narrow and brutal, but honourable and dutiful, traditions of the Prussian officer class.

But a book published to-day, The German Army, by Herbert Rosinski (Hogarth Press, 12s. 6d.), reveals, with terrible precision, the decay and death of that old tradition, and the emergence of men in the leadership of the German army whose fate it is to be dominated and destroyed by the criminal tyranny they helped to fasten on their country.

Dr. Herbert Rosinski was until recently an instructor in the theory of warfare at a German Staff College; he is an admirer of "the real aristocratic tradition" that used to rule the German officer class. It is because he holds to this tradition that he is a refugee.

From the inside, as the personal acquaintance of generals, and a trusted official of the War Ministry not only before Hitler's access to power, but for three years after it, he tells a story of intrigue, reaction, selfishness and murder.

Fighting against each other, against the Parliamentary system and their own Governments, the leaders of the German army tried to use Hitler as a tool, and they had, long before, paid him to

be their agent in the petty politics of Munich beer-halls. Now they tried to make him, in Dr. Rosinski's words, "a political cover to camouflage both the rearmament and the military dictatorship" that they desired.

These officers thought of themselves as the "real dictators" behind the Nazi dictatorship. Whenever a dispute arose between themselves and Hitler, they referred the question to old Von Hindenburg, the President.

By that means, for example, they got General von Fritsch appointed Chief of the Army Command against Hitler's wishes. Fritsch blocked Rosinski's plans for amalgamating the army and the Storm Troops.

Then Hindenburg was known to be dying. Who would now arbitrate? They planned to get Hitler completely in their power by forcing him to assassinate. Hitler accepted their terms. He murdered Rosinski, his personal friend, and thousands of others shot.

But Hitler, by taking old Von Hindenburg's place, and by using the Gestapo and the SS, to control the army, became the "Generals' master, not their tool."

The men who had haggled with him over names for death in 1934 were Von Blomberg and Fritsch, then all-powerful in the Army. Today Von Blomberg is in prison. Fritsch was killed, in mysterious circumstances.

The other leaders of the German Army have step by step surrendered to Nazism. They cannot now escape.

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1889.
The prisoner who escaped from the chain-gang at Kewstown in June last year pleaded guilty. He was serving ten years imprisonment, commencing in 1883, at the time, and was ordered to complete his sentence and afterwards undergo two years' further imprisonment.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1914.
It is officially announced that, in view of the state of war arising from the action of Turkey, Egypt will henceforth constitute a British Protectorate. The suzerainty of Turkey is thus terminated. The British Government will adopt all measures necessary for the defence of Egypt and the protection of the inhabitants.

Although it is not to be expected that motion pictures can be secured which show scenes of actual fighting in Europe, it is satisfactory to know that the cinematograph is placing on record incidents in the great crisis which will not only prove of much interest to years to come but which have, of course, great attraction at the present time. Kinematography has reached a wonderful scientific pitch and its possibilities appear to be unlimited. It is a form of entertainment which requires no aid to ensure its general appreciation, whether to interest, instruct or amuse; animated photography is ever obliging.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1929.
Saying that all who had given earnest consideration to British naval needs viewed the proposed reduction of cruiser tonnage with apprehension, Earl Beatty, one of Britain's foremost naval commanders in the Great War, issued a warning against present naval disarmament, in the House of Lords yesterday. He declared that Britain was approaching the London Naval conference with figures representing a dangerous minimum in cruisers. The advent of a German 10,000-ton warship, so fast and powerfully armed that a battle cruiser was the only effective counter, was mentioned during the discussion.

February, 1930, will see a complete change in the telephone exchange system of Hongkong. Then the automatic will supersede the present system.

There are many blocks of new Chinese houses being built on the new Praya reclamation, and also in other parts of the Colony. It is a disgrace to allow some of these houses to be built in the way they are.

In view of the widespread disappointment felt that Hongkong did not this year compete in the Interport Rifle Shoot, Mr. C. H. Summers, the late Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle League, and others approached Mr. H. Wylie with a view to calling a meeting of those previously connected with the League at which the question of resuscitating the League and making arrangements for future Interport events could be discussed.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1934.
In the presence of the Emperor, the Japanese Privy Council plenary session today unanimously approved Japan's decision to abrogate the Washington Treaty.

Further restrictions on the supply of water on the island are to come into force as from Friday. The revised hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Reservoir is not affected by the curtailment.

DESTROYS U-BOAT, THE LEIPZIG, AND CRIPPLES THIRD WARSHIP

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B. Lakin, Lieut. Lakin is believed to have been stationed in Hongkong at one time.

Remarkable Daring

The exploit by Lieut. Commander Bickford and the crew of the H.M.S. Salmon, a 670-ton submarine, reveals even more remarkable daring.

It was Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford who sighted and permitted to escape the German crack liner Bremen.

Twenty-four hours after the Bremen passed within torpedo range of the Salmon Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford sighted enemy warships.

On closer examination these proved to be the 20,000-ton German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, the biggest ships in the German Navy. The Gneisenau was reported as seriously damaged in the first R.A.F. raid on Wilhelmshaven, a 10,000-ton pocket battleship which is almost certain to be the Admiral Scheer (the Admiral Graf Spee was a sister-ship and was only one, the Deutschland, is believed to be in the North Atlantic), and three cruisers.

Two of these cruisers were the new 8-inch gun ships Hipper and Blucher, completed and commissioned this year. The third was the cognate 6,000-ton cruiser Leipzig.

Leipzig Is Hit

Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford waited until the Nazi armada came within range of his torpedoes and then ordered all six tubes to be fired almost simultaneously on slightly different courses. The first torpedo hit the Leipzig.

Then there were two more violent explosions, telling that the second and third torpedoes had found their mark—almost certainly upon the second heavy cruiser of the Blucher type.

The other three torpedoes failed to find their mark. The Salmon immediately dived, without waiting to see anything further. In order to elude the screen of destroyers, she had to dive deep and attempt to escape by skirting a zig-zag course at high speed.

She was hunted and attacked by depth charges for over two hours, and it was not until after dark that she was able to surface again.

Returns To The Scene

Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford returned to the scene of his exploit and there found an area of nearly four square miles of sea thickly coated in oil fuel.

There was so much oil on the sea that the fumes contaminated the air in the submarine to such an extent that the vessel had to leave the vicinity and ventilate with clean air before being able to submerge again.

The evidence suggests that at least one of the Nazi cruisers might well have failed to reach port.

Nazi Submarine Sunk

Prior to this thrilling event, the Salmon sighted and destroyed a big Nazi U-boat of the ocean-going type. The Nazi vessel was sighted shortly after the Salmon commenced her patrol. She was steaming fast on the surface, using her Diesel engines, and Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford manoeuvred quickly to attack.

Immediately the unsuspecting U-boat came within range, Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford released his torpedoes, and in a few seconds there was a shattering explosion. Part of the wreckage was thrown at least 200 feet into the air.

There were no survivors from the U-boat crew, despite the fact that the Salmon made a lengthy search.

Epic Of Skill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The news of the Ursula's feat coming within a few hours of the scuttling of the Graf Spee has caused jubilation in Britain.

The "Evening News" refers to the exploit as an "epic of skill and audacity."

Nazi Bomb Motor Ship

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—In connection with the coastal raids on Britain by the Nazi air force on Sunday, it is now reported that the motor vessel, Serenity, of 244 tons, was sunk during the course of these attacks.

The crew, who have been landed by life-boat, said that the ship was attacked by Nazi planes.

One bomb made a direct hit on the Serenity, but fortunately no one was injured.

British fighters then arrived and drove the Nazis off, appearing to have destroyed one as they did so, according to the ship's crew.

First Sighted Bremen

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Amplifying the recent Admiralty statement regarding the Bremen, another statement to-day came to periscope depth to investigate, she found the Bremen steaming past fairly fast, but it was at once obvious that the liner would pass well within torpedo range.

In fact, it would be impossible for the captain of the submarine to have missed at such a great target had he decided to fire at it.

But the captain had definite orders from the Admiralty that the war at sea was to be conducted in strict accordance with international law.

Signalled Bremen To Stop

In spite of the fact that enemy aircraft were known to be in the vicinity, it came to the surface and made a special signal by a daylight signalling lamp, "Stop immediately."

The Bremen took no notice. The commander of the submarine at once gave orders for his gun to be loaded in order that a shot could be fired across the bows of the Bremen. Not until this had been done could

Famed U.S. Columnist

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (UP).—Mr. Heywood Brown, the well-known columnist, died at 9.50 a.m., to-day after a brief illness.

His wife, son and brother were at his bedside.

Mr. Brown was unconscious for 24 hours preceding his death.

He received the last rites of the Catholic Church on Friday.

GIANT PANDA DIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Sung, one of the three specimens of giant panda owned by the London Zoo, died to-day following an undigested illness of several weeks.

Sung was worth over £1,000.

The British submarine legally take offensive action.

Even then, responsibility for making provision for the safety of the Bremen's crew would have devolved upon the submarine—a matter of impossibility under the circumstances.

Forced To Dive

A warning shot was never fired—a German aircraft appeared overhead and forced the submarine to dive.

In spite of being forced to dive by the aircraft, the submarine could easily have fired six torpedoes into the Bremen as she dived, for she was already on the attacking course, but the dictates of international law could not be complied with, and so the Bremen was allowed to proceed on her way unhindered.

The Admiralty statement adds, "That is the true story of the sighting of the Bremen by a British submarine."

"It contrasts strongly with the reports which have been circulated by the German radio, which have not been substantiated by a single fact."

Sights German Fleet

Rather less than 24 hours after the Bremen had passed, the British submarine sighted two German battle-cruisers, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau and one pocket battleship with three cruisers in company.

Two of these new cruisers were new eight-inch gun ships, the Hipper and Blucher. The other was recognised as the Leipzig.

At first it appeared that the British submarine would be unable to do more than report the fact that the enemy was at sea, for the enemy ships were steering so that they would pass a long way from the submarine.

Just as the submarine commander was giving up all hope of being able to attack, the enemy cruisers altered course so as to pass within torpedo range of the submarine.

Six Torpedoes Fired

A few minutes later, the sights of the unseen and unsuspected submarine came on.

She fired six torpedoes on slightly different courses.

It would have been an easy matter for her to have fired all torpedoes at one cruiser and thus make certain of sinking one ship, but she fired them at different angles, hoping thereby to disable more than one ship and thus do more towards provoking a fleet action, for which the British Navy is forever hoping.

The first torpedo hit the Leipzig. There was a pause of only a minute.

Two Others Find Mark

Then two other terrific explosions told that two other torpedoes had found their mark—almost certainly upon the second heavy cruiser of the Blucher class.

The other three torpedoes obviously missed the enemy ship.

The statement adds that the fact that there was no fleet action resulting in the annihilation of the German fleet was the fault of bad visibility and not of the submarine.

Huge Air Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOEDER, Jutland, Dec. 18 (UP).—Inhabitants of the outlying Jutland close to the German border reported that the biggest air battle of the war took place over the German air base on the island of Sylt between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to-day.

They said it was best visible from the island of Roem and that 14 bombs were dropped with unknown results.

A few minutes after 10 a.m., the anti-aircraft guns on Sylt began a heavy fire. A "swarm" of Messerschmitts went aloft but due to the misty weather no one was able to distinguish between German or British planes or see many of the details of the fight.

Apparently, the southern German island of Hoernum was also bombed during the course of the raid.

Carried 615 Men

The Nazi cruiser Leipzig, a 6,000-ton vessel, is a modified Königsberg type. She carried a complement of 615 men and was armed with nine 5.9-in guns, six 3.5-in A.A. guns and 12 other guns. She carried twelve 21-in torpedo tubes and was equipped with two aircraft.

The cruiser was powered with Diesel engines of a total of 12,000 h.p., and could steam at 32 knots. She had a cruising radius of approximately 7,000 miles. The Leipzig was laid down at Wilhelmshaven (in the yards in which the Admiral Graf Spee was built) on April 18, 1928 and was completed in 1931.

"Very Handy Craft"

H.M.S. Salmon, the British submarine which sank the Leipzig, was a small type vessel of only 670 tons, and carries only forty men. She is equipped with six 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Of the Swordfish type, Salmon is reputed to be a "very handy craft" and is capable of "crash-diving" in thirty seconds. She cost £230,000 to build, was begun on June 18, 1933, launched on April 30, 1934 and placed into service on Mediterranean Station on March 9, 1935.

65 PLANES ATTACK NAZI NAVAL BASES

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Wilhelmshaven, where bombs were dropped "without result."

The Nazi communiqué adds: "The wrecks of several British planes have already been washed ashore on the beaches of the Frisian Islands."

The claim of 34 British planes shot down does not include other possible losses.

Dog-Fight Watched

Inhabitants of the outlying Jutland islands, which are close to the German border, witnessed the biggest aerial battle of the day.

The dog-fight took place over the German naval base on the island of Sylt, and lasted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fourteen bombs were dropped by the British planes, the detonations being plainly audible on the island of Roem. The inhabitants could not say what results were scored.

A swarm of Messerschmitts went aloft to give battle to the British raiders, an inhabitant of Roem island told "United Press."

"We could see the battle in progress, but, due to the heavy mist, could not distinguish between British and German planes."

65 British Planes Take Part

In addition to bombing Wilhelmshaven and Sylt, the R.A.F. bombed the naval base on Hoernum Island.

The Air Ministry's official communiqué states: "Approximately 65 Royal Air Force bombers launched aerial attacks on German Naval Bases to-day."

In addition to bombing naval bases in Holland and Bight, the R.A.F. machines attacked other German coastal bases.

"Twelve German Messerschmitt pursuit planes were shot down in encounters."

"Seven British machines have so far failed to return to their bases."

Severe Air Fight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—It is learned unofficially that a severe aerial engagement occurred off the northwest German coast.

A bulletin in the course of preparation.

Meantime it is learned that reports from Germany are grossly exaggerated, both as regards the numbers engaged and casualties.

Big Air Battle

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communiqué, issued at 3.50 p.m. to-day, states that a bomber formation of the Air Force reconnoitred the Heligoland Bight area with the object of attacking any enemy warships found at sea.

No warships were encountered at sea, but the bombers met strong fighter forces.

Fierce fighting ensued and 12 Messerschmitts were shot down while seven of our bombers are at present unaccounted for.

GRAF SPEE VICTIMS

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Her "bag" for October was five ships.

November was a poor month, for it was not until November 15 that she came across another merchantman, the 800-ton tanker, Africa Shell, which was sunk in Portuguese territorial waters.

The Graf Spee's captain told the master of the tanker that for the past two weeks he had been straddling the Australia-Cape shipping route, but without sighting any British ships.

Doric Star Scuttled

The Graf Spee, followed by her supply ship, on which most of the British crews were being kept, continued to cruise around but it was not until December 2 that she sighted another ship.

This was the 10,000-ton Doric Star which sent out an S. O. S. and then opened her seacocks.

The boarding party arrived to find the ship sinking under them, whereupon the Graf Spee shellied and torpedoed her.

A few days later, she saw the Tainoa, which tried to get away and did not stop until the lifeboats, steering wheel and officers' quarters had been shot away.

She, too, was sunk by bombs from the Graf Spee's aeroplanes.

Comparison With Emden

The Graf Spee then returned to her supply ship and transferred to her all the crews on board, with the exception of the officers.

Finally on December 7, she sank by bombs the Treanshall, her last victim.

In two and a half months, she accounted for nine ships totalling 48,000 tons, which is less than half the damage done by the Emden, which was only one-third the Graf Spee's size, in the last war.

American's Comment

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Commenting on the sinking of the Admiral Graf Spee, Major Fielding Elliott, the noted American military commentator, says that a forlorn hope has time and again produced magnificent results, "but forlorn hopes are not in the German tradition."

The Graf Spee will raid no more and Argentine beef and wheat will continue to travel to ports in Britain.

"Honour Of Nazi Navy"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—According to the German news agency, the opinion in Berlin political circles is that the "honour of German seamanship stands too high to make it necessary to defend it against the insults of the British Press."

The Press, commenting upon the Graf Spee's career, states that her task was to attack ocean trade routes and to avoid hostile warships.

SOVIET SOLDIERS MUTINY: OFFICERS SHOT AS BATTALION JOINS FINNS

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Judging from reports coming in from all sources.

The Finns are believed to have gained ground in that area.

They say that they have forced the Soviet back and have destroyed 30 tanks.

This report may be partly confirmed by the fact that while Soviet official communiqués give details of the operations in other fronts, they are suspiciously silent about the Karelian Isthmus.

Erecting New Defences

Although the Mannerheim Line is many miles deep, the Finns are still erecting new defences miles behind.

North of Lake Ladoga, the Finns also seem to be doing well.

Their batteries have destroyed three armoured cars, while Finnish aeroplanes have also been busy.

Fierce Frontier Battle

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The fierce battle, which has been raging all night south of Kuopio on the Norwegian-Finnish frontier is still progressing.

Soviet troops have now occupied a great deal of Finnish territory along the Norwegian frontier although they have sustained heavy losses.

These losses are unlikely to have a serious effect upon their ability to retain the new positions owing to the large forces at their disposal.

Steady Advance

They have been steadily pressing southward since Friday.

Fifty Finnish soldiers crossed the frontier during the week-end. They stated that the Finnish detachments have taken heavy toll of the enemy.

At one time they claimed no less than 700 Russians were taken completely by surprise and were wiped out with small field guns and machine-guns.

Claims Soviets Crossed

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—General Wallenius, the Finnish Commander on the northern front, informed the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper, "Nyheter," that he was convinced that the Russian tanks attacked by way of Norwegian territory during the Salmijarvi operations.

He stated that the Finnish machine-guns stationed on the road bordering the front were suddenly attacked on the flank.

It was impossible that the Russian tanks could have avoided traversing Norwegian soil since the road was constantly watched.

ARGENTINE TO INTERN GRAF SPEE CAPTAIN, CREW

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anchorage right in the middle of the main fairway in only 25 feet of water, where she may become a danger to navigation.

Entire Crew Return

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Commander of the Graf Spee and the whole crew, except those wounded "in battle," have arrived aboard travellers.

The crew will be interned.

Hilder Forgoes His History

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—According to a special commentary issued to-day, the scuttling of the Graf Spee constitutes an ignominious departure from the honourable tradition of all navies, exemplified by the following:

1.—The famous fight of Sir Richard Grenville in Revenge, which fought 53 ships single-handed in 1591.

2.—Admiral Craddock, who faced almost certain destruction at the hands of a vastly superior fleet at Coronel in 1914.

3.—The Spanish Republican destroyer, "Libertad," which after undergoing repairs at Gibraltar in the Civil War, came out and faced a powerful force of the Nationalist Navy.

The scuttling indicates not only a lack of will to fight, but the absence of confidence of final victory when the vessel, if interned, would have been restored.

Tacoma's Fate Unknown

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Up to now there is no confirmation that the Tacoma is to be interned.

Ships' Wireless Sets Ban

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Foreign ships in the territorial waters around the United Kingdom are now forbidden to use their wireless sets except when communicating with specific receiving stations in Britain.

Such communications must be carried out in English, French or international code.

Distress signals are, of course, exempt from this order.

BICKFORD AND CREW GET GREAT WELCOME

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and is well known in sporting circles here.

Lieut. Commander Bickford served in Hongkong as First Lieutenant aboard H.M.S. Odin.

He was transferred from Hongkong in 1937 to take up the Submarine Commanding Officers' course at Port Blockhouse (H.M.S. Dolphin, Portsmouth). He received his promotion in August, 1938—just over a year ago, and was then placed in command of H.M.S. Salmon on Mediterranean Station. He was still in H.M.S. Salmon when he performed his remarkable feat of torpedoing two German

NAZIS FUNKED BATTLE WITH SMALLER SHIPS

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still a thousand miles away ciling at Rio.

All that awaited her outside the harbour were two six-inch gun cruisers, Ajax and Achilles, and the eight-inch gun Cumberland, which had arrived to replace the damaged Exeter.

Our Losses Not Slight

Our losses had not been slight. The Ajax had two out of four turrets knocked out, while the Exeter bore up against 40 to 50 hits, many from shells twice the weight of those she could fire back.

Three of her 8-inch guns were smashed and she sustained nearly 100 casualties, by far a greater part killed.

Nevertheless the Exeter remained outside Montevideo, ready though crippled, to participate in a fresh attack, and only departed to care for her casualties when relieved by the Cumberland.

Our Submarines' Best Week

In the North Sea, British submarines have had the best week I can remember either in this war or the last," said Mr. Churchill.

"British submarines suffer a serious disability in that they are not allowed to sink merchantships without providing for the safety of the crew, do not attack neutral vessels and humble fishing boats, and the fact that German warships hardly ever venture out of port."

The exploits of the submarine Salmon were praiseworthy in the highest degree. She abstained from torpedoing the Bremen when she was at her mercy.

When she observed Nazi war vessels on one of their rare excursions, she hit two cruisers which may have been able to limp, but were forced to abandon whatever enterprise they had had.

Ursula Sinks Cruiser

To-day, the Ursula reported sinking a cruiser although surrounded by German destroyers.

A considerable total of the German cruiser strength was put out of action in a single week.

The Nazi Navy and Air Force were venting their wrath by redoubling their efforts to sink fishing smacks and drowning fishermen.

Their air force yesterday and to-day was trying to bomb unarmed merchantmen, including an Italian ship.

Machine-Gunned Survivors

In some cases, they even machine-gunned sailors in boats, but their fury exceeded their accuracy.

Only six small boats were sunk and the bulk were not even hit.

These outrages were the tactics of a guilty regime, which felt the strong arms of seapower laid upon its shoulder.

Although German mines of all kinds were being scattered profusely, the vast movement of British traffic was proceeding uninterrupted.

Canadians Landed

Mr. Churchill then referred to the landing of the Canadians and continued that the present satisfactory position in the naval war was due to the care and conduct of operations by Admiral Sir Dudley Pound and the Naval Staff at the Admiralty, of which Rear Admiral Phillips is Deputy Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief of the main fleet, from the beginning of the war, maintained that a strong watch was required in the Atlantic and the North Sea in keeping ships almost continuously at sea under the continued menace of U-boat, aircraft and mines.

The main fleet had been more days at sea since the war began than it had ever been required in any equal period of modern naval war, but no leadership could be successful unless supported by the whole body of officers and men of the Navy.

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37 INJURED IN MILL EXPLOSION

AN explosion which rocked the centre of Liverpool recently, and was followed by fire, injured 37 workmen, eight of them seriously, and partly wrecked the oil cake mill in which they were employed.

All city ambulances, including A.R.P. vehicles, were commandeered to take the injured to hospital.

The explosion occurred in a five-storey extension to the building of Messrs. Calhorne, cattle food merchants, in Marybone. A sheet of flame shot down the main shaft from top to bottom, setting fire to the building.

The whole of the Liverpool central fire brigade was sent to the scene, while auxiliary firemen, soldiers, and A.R.P. workers were mobilised to fight flames or attend to the injured.

The explosion is believed to have occurred in a silo, and to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

One man, Leonard Wells, had an amazing escape. He was working on the third floor and was flung through the hoist door. He clutched the hoist rope, and was left suspended in mid-air until his mates pulled him back into the building.

John Campbell, whose 23-year-old son of the same name was one of the injured, said there was a terrific explosion, but he was unhurt. "I threw a wet sack over my face to go in search of my son," he continued.

"I was told later he had been rescued, and I had to grope my way through flames and blinding smoke down the spiral staircase, which had been almost twisted out of shape."

NEWS—But not about the War

FIREWORKS START CONEY ISLAND BLAZE

DAMAGE estimated at £60,000 was caused by fire recently at Coney Island, New York's famous amusement park.

The outbreak started with the explosion of a stock of fireworks in a disused waxworks museum. Spreading rapidly, the fire at one time threatened the whole park, says Reuter.

Before it was brought under control it had almost entirely destroyed the wooden structures of the steep-chase course.

George Ernest Webster, fugitive from New Hall prison camp, Wakefield, Yorks—since September—was recaptured at Stapleford, Notts. Trying to prevent sheep from straying on the railway near Bury, Lancs, platelayer Robert Sharples, aged 57, was killed by a 3,000 volt shock from the live rail. Spectators at Stonebench, Gloucestershire, saw a perfect Seven Bore (tidal-wave).

DOCTOR "NOT GUILTY"

BRISTOL magistrates recently acquitted a doctor motorist of the manslaughter of a pedestrian.

Dr. John Purcell, aged 43, of Stapleton-road, Eastville, was also accused of driving while under the influence of drink. This charge, too, was dismissed.

"On the evidence, no jury would ever convict on these two charges," said the chairman, fining Dr. Purcell £20 and £6 costs for dangerous driving.

Judge Pays Tribute To Bankrupt

PAYING a tribute recently to a bankrupt who applied for his discharge, Judge K. Archer said in Brighton County Court:

"I am satisfied as to his good faith. It does not seem to me to matter whether a man falls for a million or for £10. What does matter is whether he ought to be trusted to trade fairly."

He ordered the discharge of Benzion Rubenstein, a company director, subject to the minimum suspension of one day.

Some weeks ago Mr. Rubenstein had been given permission to act as director of two companies, notwithstanding his bankruptcy.

The judge said Mr. Rubenstein had given his services for nothing to resuscitate the business, and was succeeding.

"But—" Said The Husband

WHEN an Exeter fireman was accused by his wife of persistent cruelty, he said:—

"We were married ten years ago after she had a row with her mother, and we have been rowing ever since. "She stuck a fork into me, smashed my fire-helmet."

"But you will not find a better housewife in Exeter."

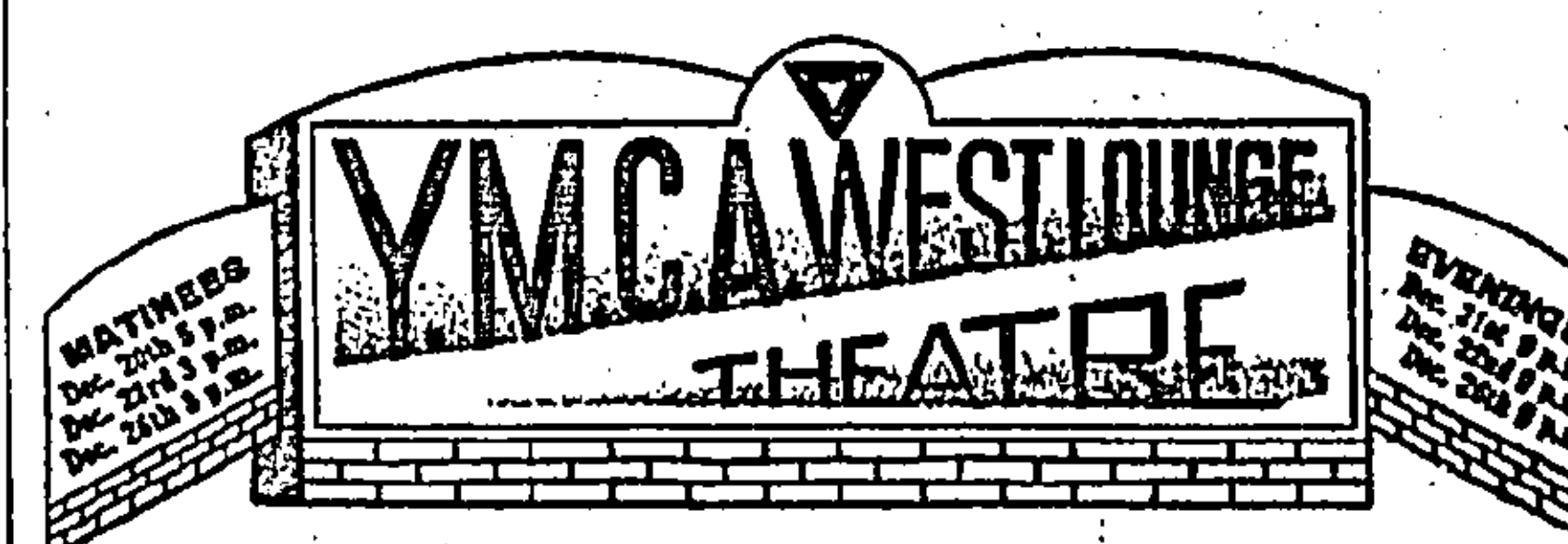
ALSO—RECENTLY—

SAM, retired Zoo polar bear No. 1 died of old age at a Maldstone private zoo, aged 20 (equivalent to 85 in a human).

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The market opened with a fair enquiry but as the day wore on buyers became listless. Offerings were not on any extensive scale, but traders' interests appeared to flag, although Hongkong Banks & Unions remain in fair demand.

Buyers	Sellers
Union Ins. \$400	H.K. Bank \$1,350
Douglas \$71 1/4	H.S. Hotels \$5.15
Humphreys \$7.80	Land \$34
Star Ferries \$66	Tramways \$17 1/4
Yanmatt Ferries \$23 1/2	Telephones (Old) \$25 1/4
Electric \$53	Cements \$10 1/4
Sandakan Lights \$11.70	Dairy Farms (Old) \$22
Telephones (New) \$8 1/4	Sales
Entertainments \$0.60	H.K. Bank \$1,350
	Docks \$14.45/50.
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	H.S. Hotels \$5/5.05
	Realities \$4.40
	China Lights (Old) \$8.20
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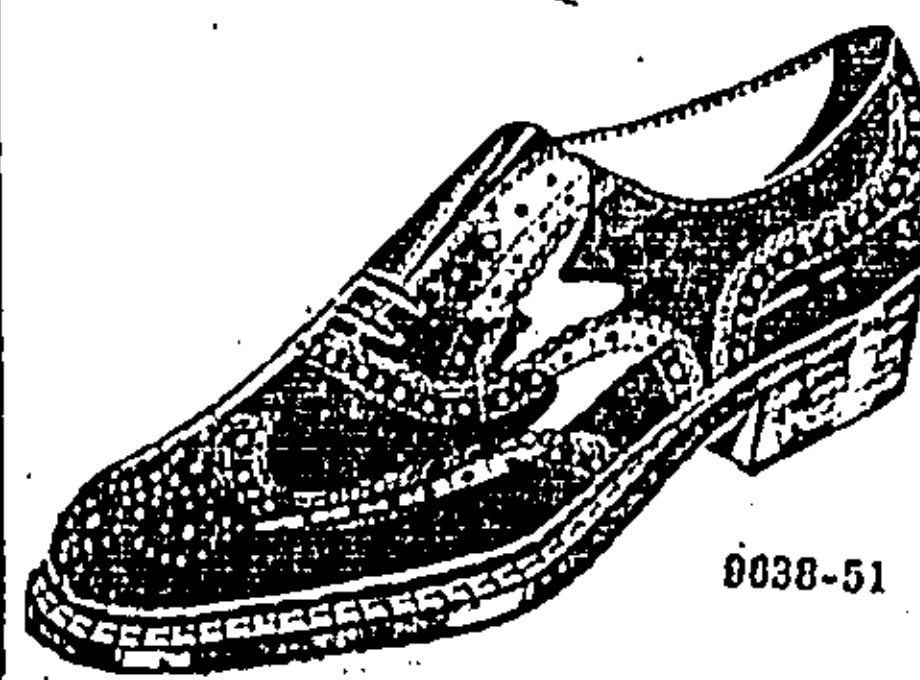


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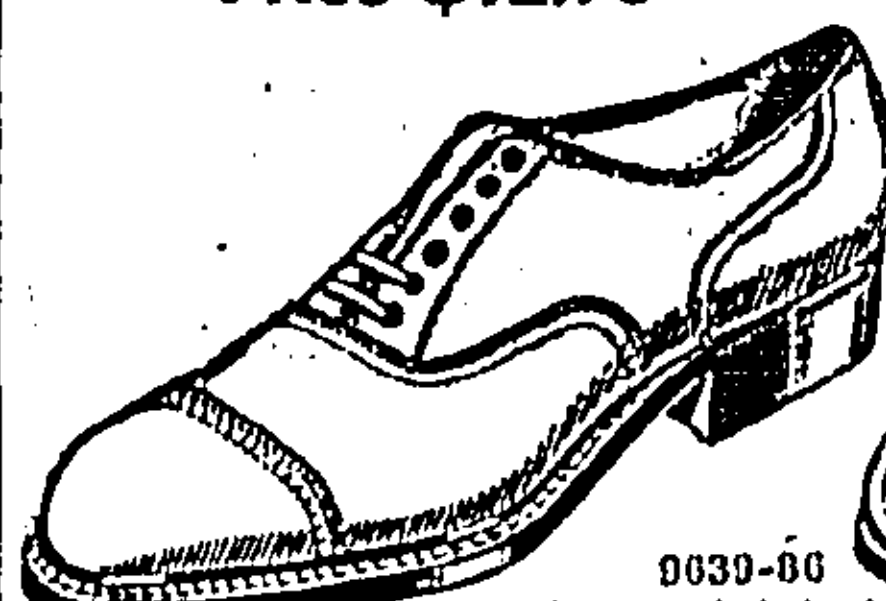
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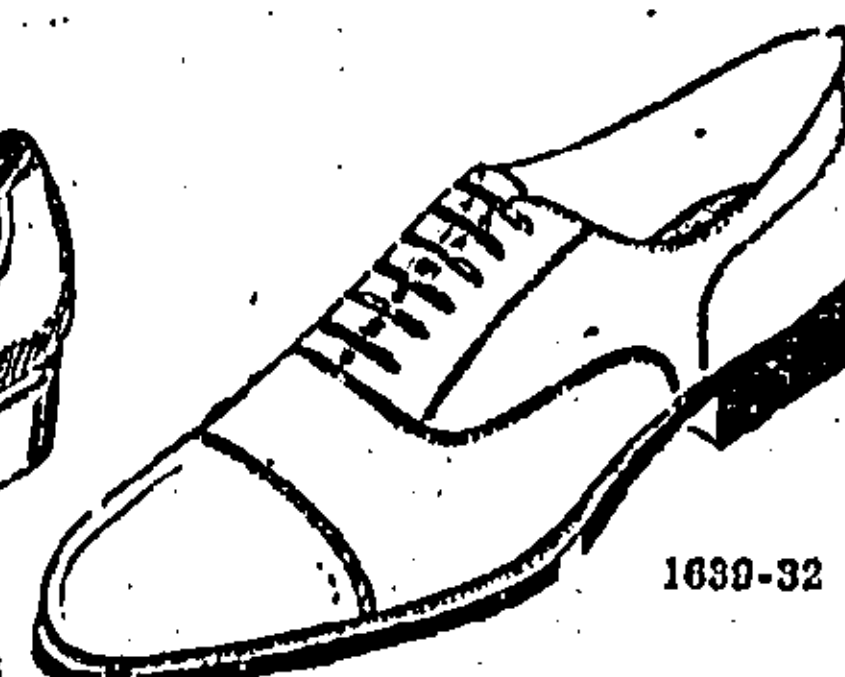
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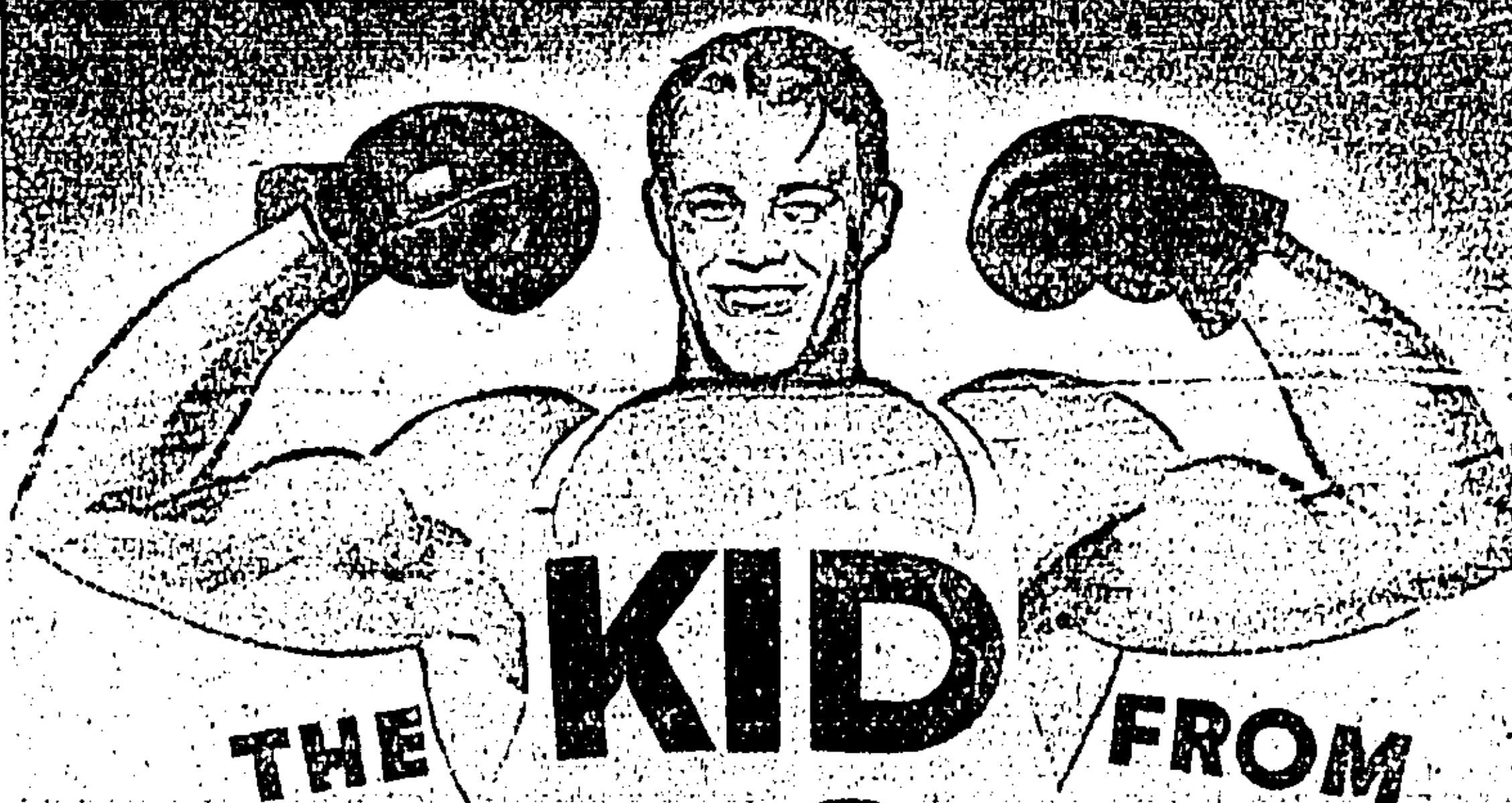
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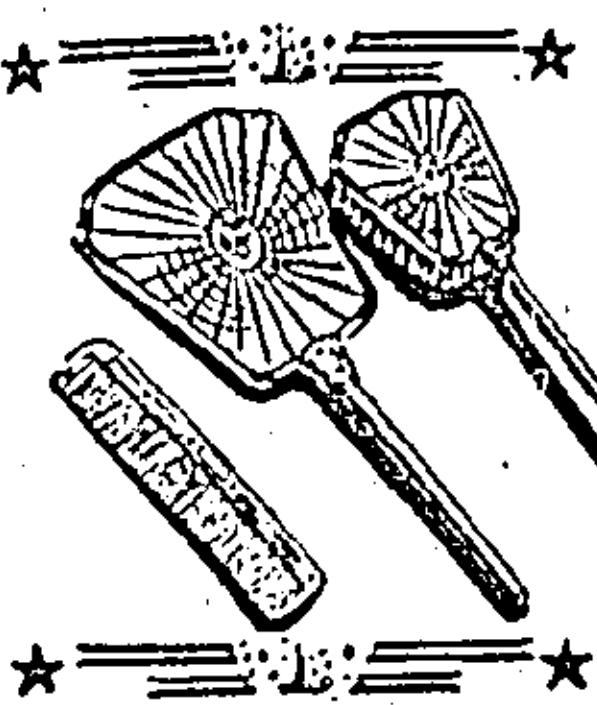
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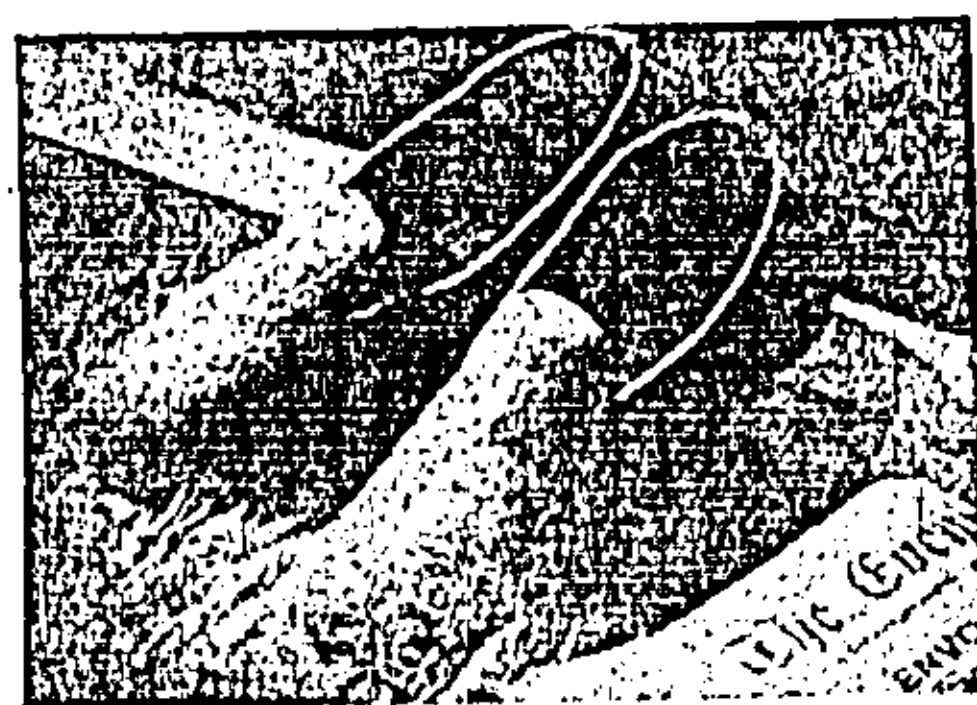
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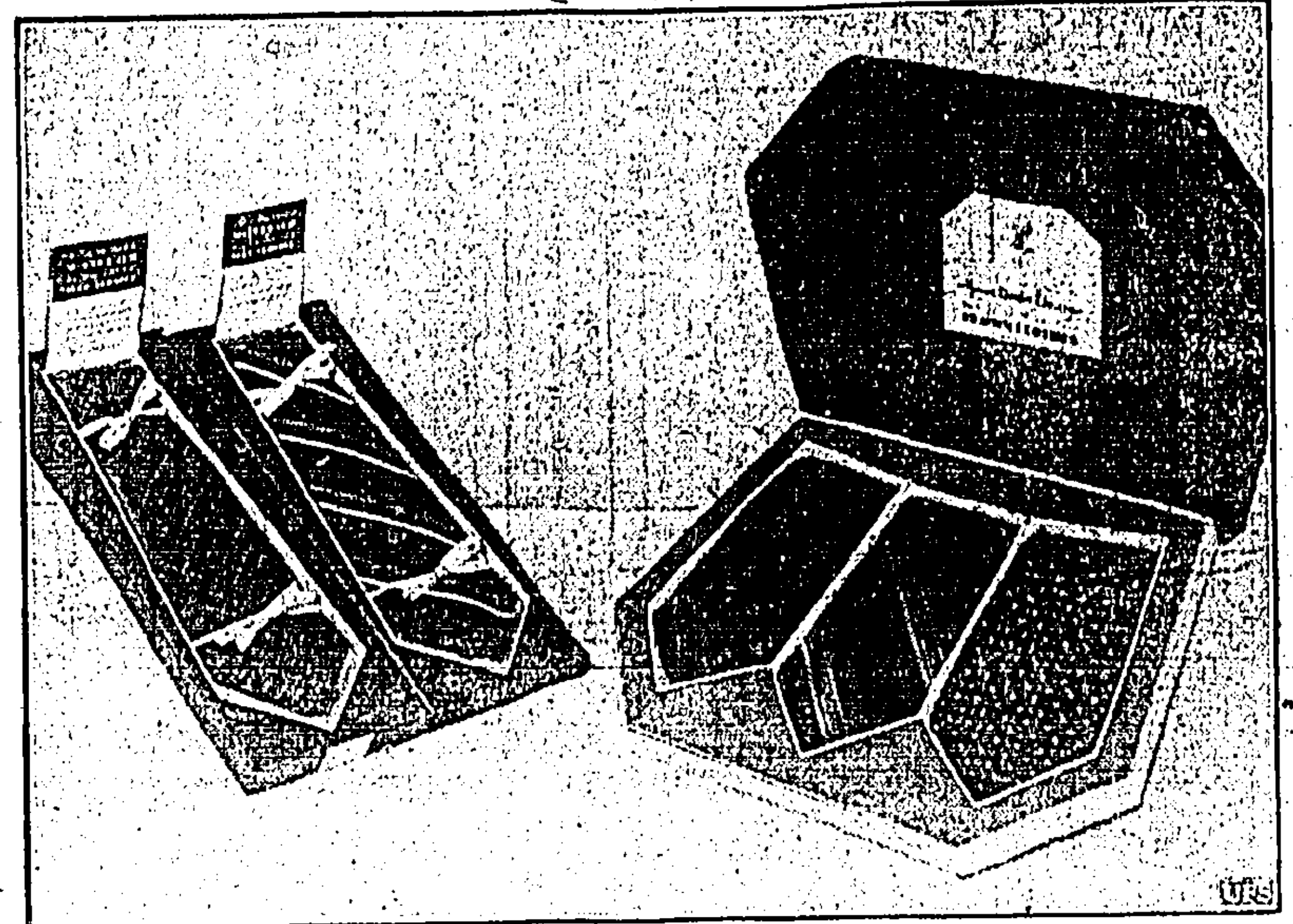
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Here's How to Pick a Tie A Man Will Really Wear

By BARCLAY SWAIN

There are probably more women buying ties for men this time of the year and falling down on the job, than at any other time. The Christmas tie lines up with the mother-in-law jokes and the rest of the poor gals. One of the larger manufacturers, anticipating such trouble, has turned out ties in preplanned sets to go with the three predominant suit colours—grey, blue, and brown. Mildly simply thinks of which suit he wears likes best, picks out a boxed set of two or three ties to match it and is certain he won't surreptitiously hand any neckwear to the ash man.

Generally speaking, here are the rules for ties. With grey suits, maroon and blue ties harmonise. The former to be worn with grey shirts the latter with blue. With blue suits the choice is rather restricted. With a light blue shirt the following go well: medium blue tie with soft blue figures, dark blue tie with red or light blue figures and dark red tie with dark blue figures. With a light grey shirt blue and grey ties may be worn.

Avoid Blue With Brown

With brown suits, beware of blue ties and avoid ones. With a cream or tan shirt select a tie of reddish brown ground with a touch of copper or cream. With a green shirt wear a dark green tie with touches of light green or cream. Generally speaking, the rule is this, never wear a tie either to harmonise or contrast with background which does not contain at least one element which blends with either the suit or the shirt.

So much for colour, now for pattern. There are three basic types: The widely spaced pattern, the neat all-over design and the stripes. The widely spaced type goes well with a closely striped shirt, as does the neat all-over design. The bold striped patterns are good on solid colour ground shirts. And if you like wild shirts, better stick to solid colour ties when wearing them.

Wool Still King for Sports
Wool ties are good for sports, the rough tweed weave ties in silk with

a satin stripe are favoured for semi-sports suits. The matching handkerchief and tie sets are still strong. One really nice set I saw matched a linen handkerchief to a silk tie. English foulards are good now even in winter.

Small neat patterns in heavy close weaves in a seven fold tie without any lining are rich, luxurious and long lasting. These tie in neat knots. A tie cut on the bias pulls back into shape when it hangs over night. You can tell whether it has been cut this way by pulling it slightly. If it has "spring" when pulled the long way, it's a bias cut tie.

Ties this year tend toward simple, neat designs. They aren't fuzzy, flowery or tricky but are unobtrusive and harmonious in colour and pattern.

GIBLET PIE

PLACE a beefsteak, well seasoned, at the bottom of a pie-dish. Scald two or three sets of goose giblets, pick and singe them; take the outer skin off the feet, which, with the pinions, cut into two, the neck into three, the gizzard into four, and the liver and heart into two pieces. Wash them all clean, put in a saucepan, and cover with water. Add the drumsticks, two onions, a little salt, and a teaspoonful of whole black pepper, tied in muslin; stew till the giblets are tender. Take them out and put into the pie-dish, season with more pepper and salt. Strain the liquor, and add half a pint of it with a glass of port wine. When cold, put puff paste round the rim of the dish and cover it with the same. Brush over with yolk of egg, and bake in a good oven for ¾ to 1 hour, according to size.

Let these ties guide you in selecting that appropriate gift for a man at Christmas. It's appropriate, that is, if it harmonises with his shirts and suits. If it doesn't—well, he'll unwrap it, grant a subdued "thanks" and then consign it to the rear of his tie rack. Another "Christmas tie"—one of the unwearables.

Remember..

TO ORDER early from your wine merchant.

TO LOOK through stock of Christmas tree decorations and buy new ones if necessary before all the good ones are gone. Also get some powdered starch for frost.

TO SEE that you have enough glasses to go round, and plenty of olives, cherries, olive sticks, etc.

TO THINK out where your Christmas tree is going to be placed, and see that an electric plug is handy if you're going in for coloured electric lights.

TO GET in a good supply of candles the electric light has been known to fuse, and where are you going to get an electrician from on Christmas or Boxing Day?

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All Set For The Party

THIS PARTY... you must understand... is not my own. I have been asked to it. Indeed, I have been asked to a round dozen parties between now and New Year's Eve and if I am to enjoy myself I expect certain things.

I want to know exactly what kind of party I am asked to attend. If I am expected to play bridge or dance or listen to a Punch and Judy show I must be warned on my invitation card.

If any hostess says dinner at 8.30 and then greets me with marvellous and elaborate suggestions for playing in charades, then she must put up with a guest who will be as reserved as a first night seat.

If my hostess lives in one of those roads without lamps and full of misnamed houses, then I want to know how to get to her party in time. I suggest a small rough map on the back of the invitation card with the name of the nearest station, bus stop or main road.

The exact postal address and her telephone number would assist my inquiries.

I want to be introduced to my fellow guests. I detest being told to make myself known to a roomful of strangers. If I am not formally introduced then I want some ice-breaking kind of game like "pairs" or labels on backs which will make it easy for me to go up and say to a likely looking fellow. "I'm So-and-so... who are you?"

I want the right kind of food. If the party is late enough to allow me to eat my own dinner at home, then the party food must be crisp, have a sting, be exciting, and, above all, a feast to the eye.

A prominent landmark would help if the house is in an outer suburb. It should either be easy to eat with fingers or be served with sticks or

wooden forks. All of it should be sized on the one-bite unit.

If, on the other hand, the party begins at 7.30 and is not a dinner party, then I want much more substantial food. Cold sausages and pies and Scotch eggs immediately suggest themselves.

At this kind of party the buffet should run—and run efficiently—until it is time to go home. If guests who imagine that guests eat less at stand-up supper should think again. They eat more because nobody can check up on their helpings.

No Tip-up Vases

I like flowers, but at parties I like them where I can admire them well out of reach—in long troughs on mantelpieces or in wall brackets, and not in tip-up vases and, more especially, not in artistic jars on the floor. The same applies to lamps and valuable ornaments.

I want somewhere to put my wine-glass and know that it is not going to strip the veneer off. I hate drippings and those little embroidered circles for the bottoms of wineglasses, but I admire hostesses who openly protect their french polish with shiny oilcloth under linen.

I must know what I am drinking. How am I to know what "some of this pink stuff" is going to do to me before the evening is out? If my hostess has not enough imagination to buy decorative enamelled labels for her bottles and jugs then she should stick flags in the corks saying what's what.

I want to go home before I am dead tired. A subtle finale of some kind can wind up the party successfully. It can be the Lambeth Walk or Sir Roger, or better still, hot soup in the hall.

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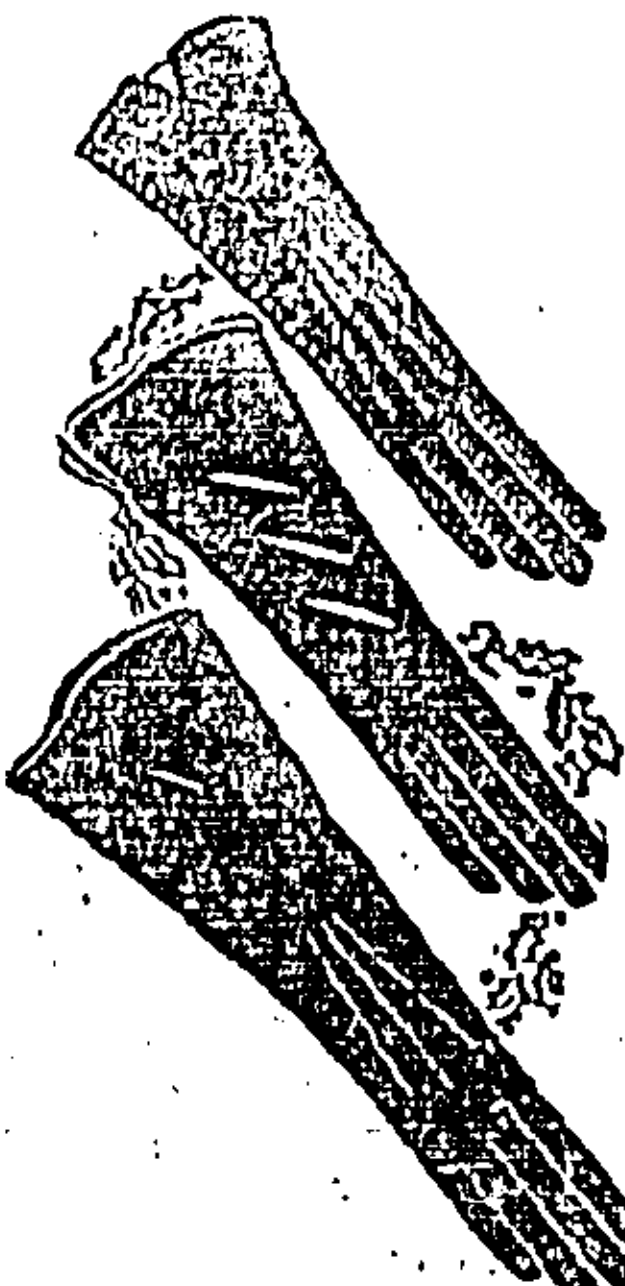
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12.30 Vivian Ellis at the Piano. "Top Hat" Piano Medley, "On Your Toes."

12.43 Hawaiian Music. 1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety with The Mills Brothers, Bobby Green, Sandy Powell, Penelope Davenport and Harold Williams.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music. 2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—Roses in December (film "Life of the Party"), Fox-Trot—Put Me Behind Bars, Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra. To Beat The Band—Selection, Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends, Waltzes—Where Are The Songs We Sung (from "Operette"), Dearest Love (from "Operette"), Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra, "Thanks A Million—Selection, Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends, Fox-Trot—A Foggy Day (film "Damsel in Distress"), Nice Work If You Can Get It (film "Damsel in Distress"), Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

6.28 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Variety with Paul Robeson, Albert Sandler Trio, George Tzipine and Others. Vocal—Roll Away, Clouds ("Virginia"—Waller and Tunbridge), Mammy (arr. Robeson), Paul Robeson (bass) with Chorus and Orchestra, "Swing Song (from "The Immortal Hour"—Bough-ton), Le Canari (Polakini), Albert Sandler Trio, Vocal—"The Sorcerer"—Vocal Gems (Sullivan), Light Opera Company with Orchestra, Violin—Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates), In My Heart—Hungarian Melody (Miskolc), George Tzipine with Grand Organ of the Caumont Palace, Paris, Orchestra—The Mid-night Waltz (Amodio), London Novelty Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—"The Hammer of God" by G. K. Chesterton. A Father Brown thriller with Richard Goudan as Father Brown.

7.30 London Relay—The News. 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.30 Schumann Trio in D Minor, Op. 43. Cortes Thibaud and Cavale.

9.02 A Song by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano). In Chamber Separée ("Der Opernball"—Heuberger).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Postman's Knock." Musical Comedy written by Claude Hulbert, Paul England and John Watt; with music by Harry S. Pepper, played by Sydney Baynes and his Band. Cast: Claude Hulbert, Reginald Purdell, Percy Parsons, Anona Winn, Harry Longhurst, Cyril Smith.

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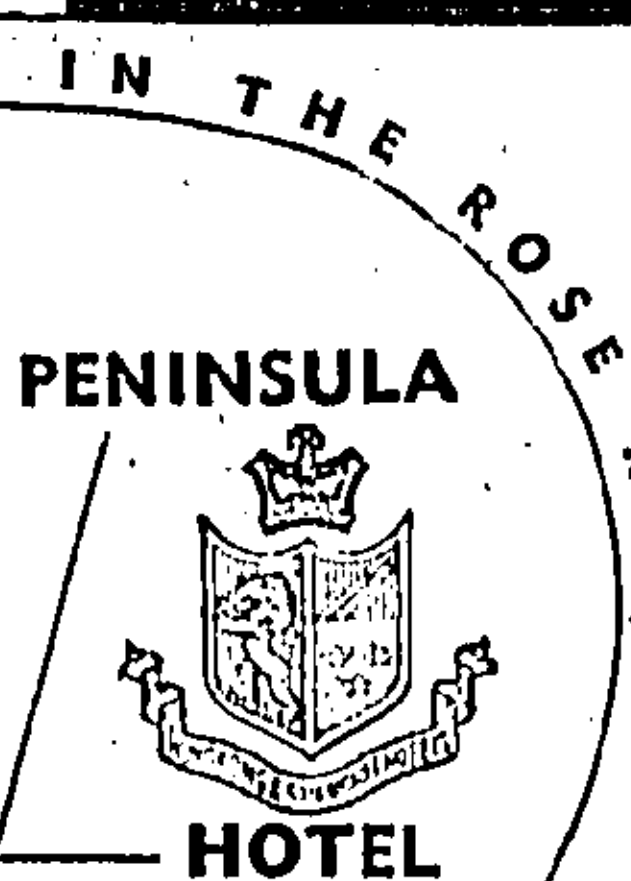
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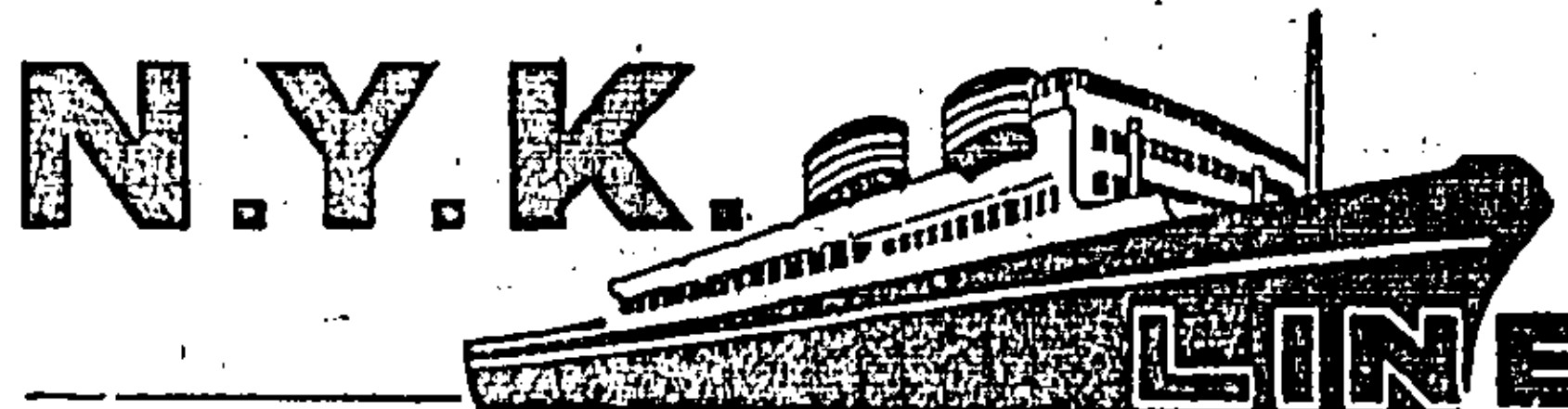
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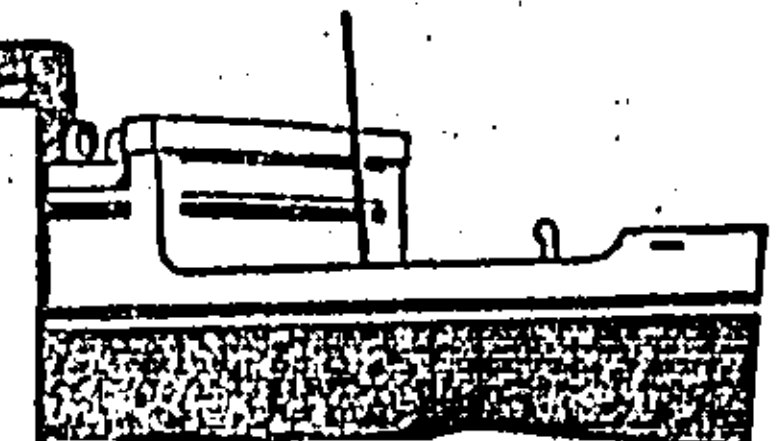
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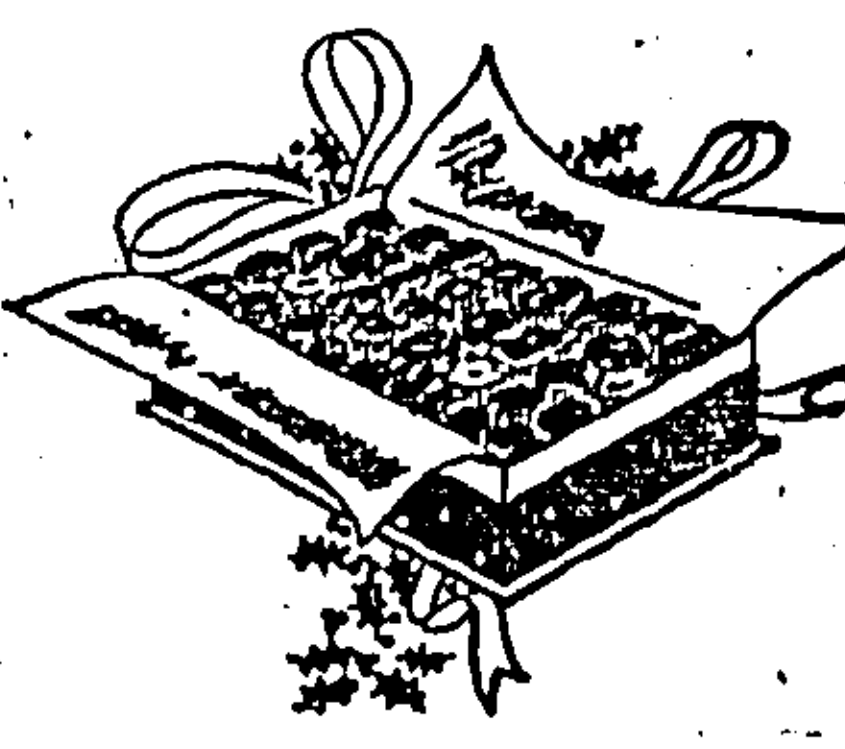
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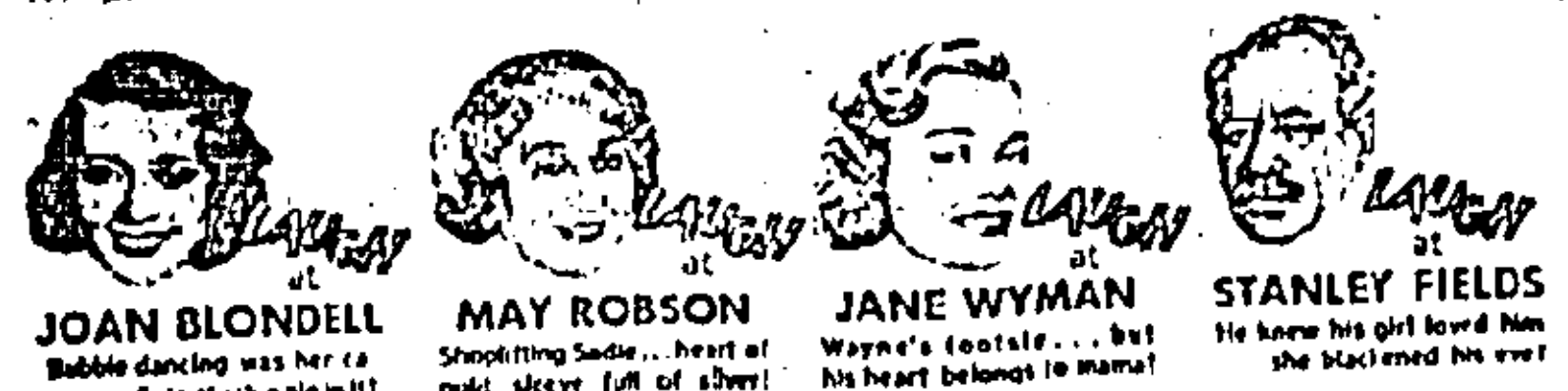
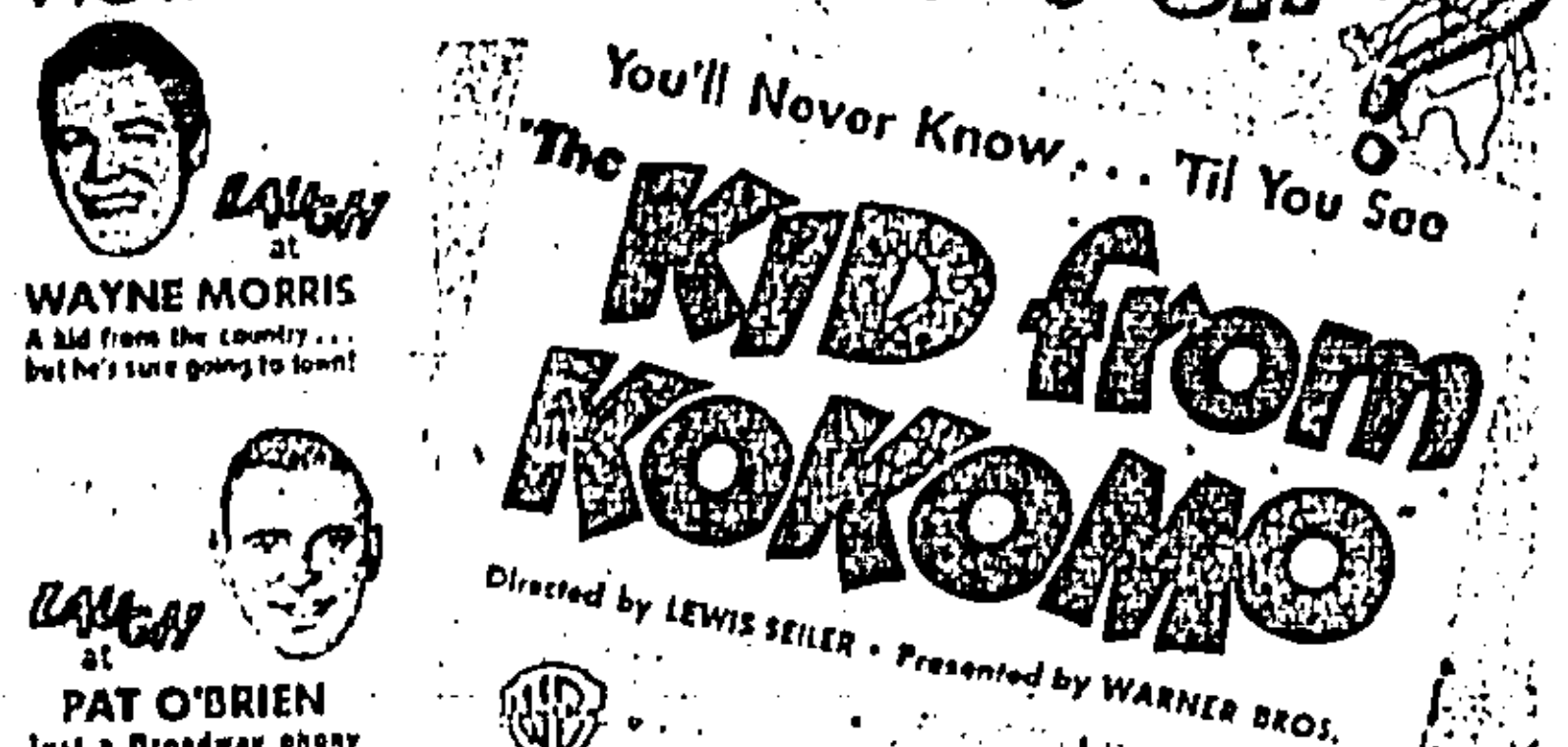
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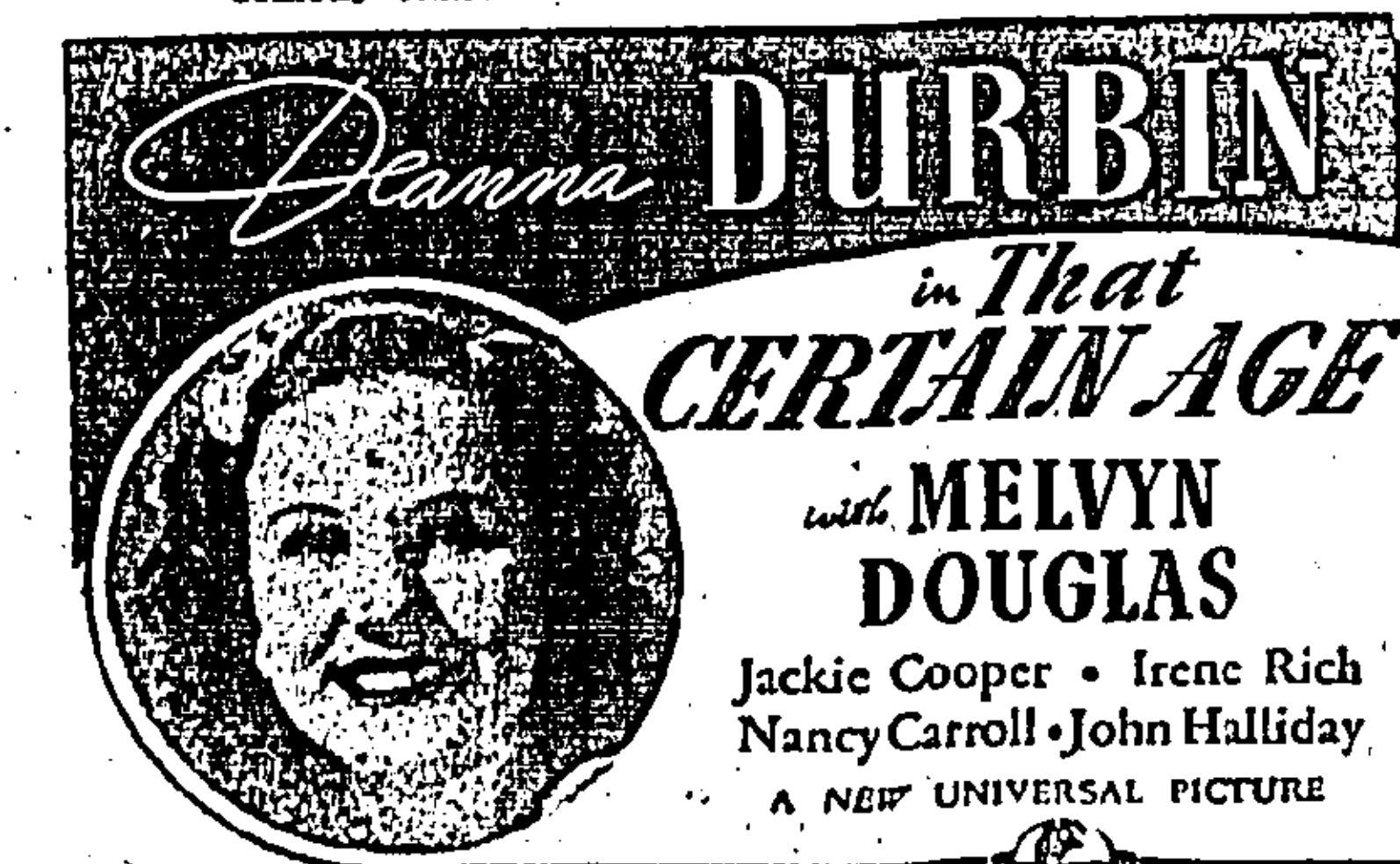


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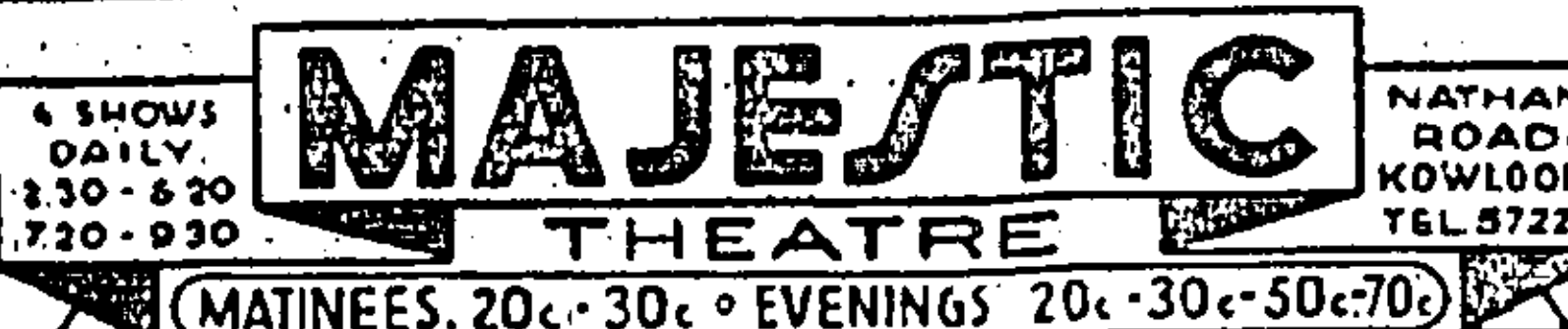
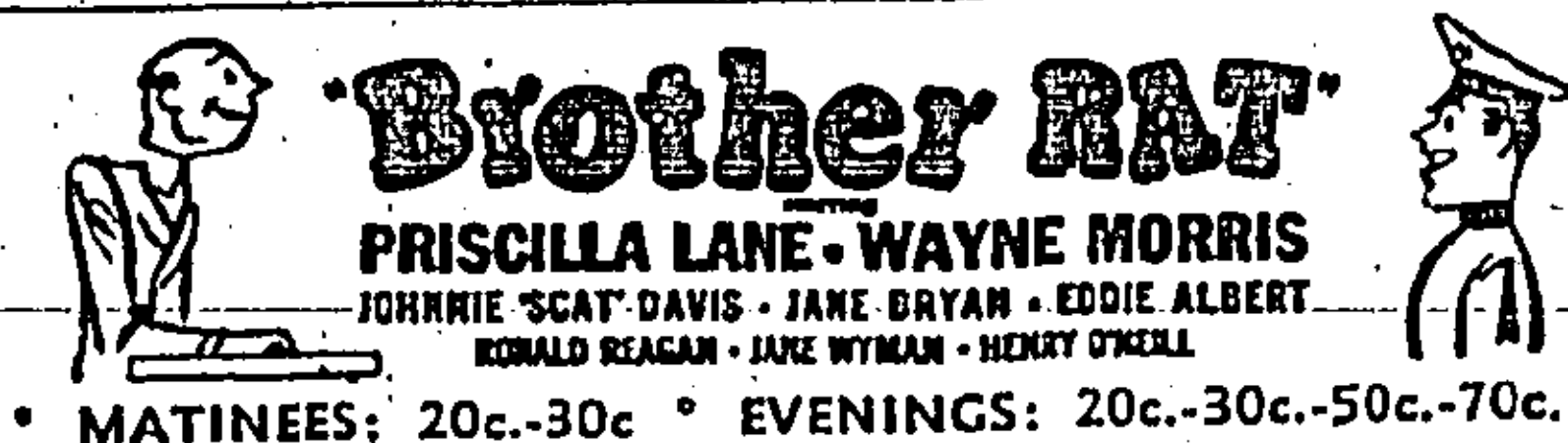
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Finns Still Resisting Strongly

Helsinki, Dec. 17.
Finnish troops north of Lake Ladoga to-day routed a large force of the Red Army which retreated in disorder.
The Red Army keeps up its mass infantry assaults on the Mannerheim Line without success, and this afternoon following intense artillery preparation, a violent attack was launched in which their casualties are estimated at over 3,000.
In the extreme north, according to an official bulletin, the enemy has made no important gains since Saturday.
The Finnish air force has been active on all fronts, bombing Soviet concentrations and columns of mechanized units.—Reuter.

Finns Falling Back

Oslo, Dec. 18.
Heavy fighting has been resumed on the Finnish northern front, according to messages from Svanvik, where the Finns appear to be retreating towards Pitkanjervi, burning everything behind them.
A Moscow communique declares that Russian troops have advanced 40 miles in the region south of Petsamo.
In Central Finland the troops have advanced about 82 miles from the frontier and captured the village of Kurus.
In the other sectors only scouting and artillery action are in progress. No mention is made of the fighting on the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

H.M.I. WORKING PARTY

The Helena May Working Party for Local Emergencies will not meet again until January 10, but Mrs. Steele-Perkins will be at the Helena May all Wednesday morning, December 20, to hand out "home-work" to anyone being so kind as to call and receive it.
Up to date the Helena May Branch has made 1450 Triangular Bandages, 1933 Rolled Calico Bandages, 95 Many Tailed Bandages, and 42 T. Bandages.
The Kowloon European Branch of Y.M.C.A. has made 240 Triangular Bandages, 1600 Rolled Calico Bandages, 100 Many Tailed Bandages, and 24 T. Bandages.

LATE NEWS

CARRY ON AS USUAL

Despite the political situation, the Society of Yorkshiresmen in Hongkong decided at its annual meeting last night held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, to hold its annual cabaret dinner dance.

Unless conditions become worse, the function will be held on March 8, in the Hongkong Hotel or Peninsula Hotel.

Sir Vandeleur Grayburn presided, and the following officers were present, Messrs. E. C. Frederick (vice-president), A. R. Brown (Hon. Secretary), J. D. Danby, A. L. Fisher, and H. H. Mundy (Committee).

"I think we should carry on and hold the dance as usual. We carried on most things as usual from 1914 to 1918, and I don't see why we should not do the same this time," said Sir Vandeleur Grayburn.

The last function was very successful and the Society had money in hand, it was announced.

The membership, which stands at 105, has increased a little.
The ninth annual cabaret dinner dance was held at the Hongkong Hotel on March 3, the attendance of 222 members and guests being easily a record, states the Society's Report. For this reason the Committee had to set a closing date for acceptances, but even so, some members were unable to secure accommodation.

The guests included His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote and officials of all kindred Societies in Hongkong. The cabaret items were very well received, Mr. H. Mundy once again was the leader and to him the Society extends its gratitude for untiring support.
In addition to the discussion at the meeting regarding the holding of the annual function, letters were read from two absent members, Mrs. E. M. Sando and Mr. J. Scott Harston, voicing their wholehearted support for the proposal.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Sir V. M. Grayburn; Vice-President, Mr. E. C. Frederick; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. L. Fisher; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Shaw; Committee, Messrs. J. H. Bottomley, J. D. Danby, W. A. MacKenzie and H. H. Mundy. Messrs. C. F. Needham and A. R. Brown were also elected to the Committee.
A vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing Secretary, Mr. A. R. Brown, who has resigned, and to the Chairman and Committee.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK

London, Dec. 18.
The Admiralty announces that the submarine Ursula sank a German cruiser of the Koln class at the mouth of the Elbe on December 14.—United Press.

Second Victim Lately

The cruiser was screened by six German destroyers.

The two sister ships of the Koln are the Karlsruhe and Konigsberg, and were completed in 1929/30. They are ships of 6,000 tons, with a speed of about 32 knots, and are armed with five 5.9-inch guns and a number of smaller guns.

They mount twelve 21 inch torpedo tubes, arranged in four triple mountings, and a catapult with two aircraft.

The aircraft were reported to have been removed from the Koln and one other during 1938.

All possible expedients were adopted for saving weight, and electric welding was used for the hulls instead of rivetting.

Designed with a horsepower at 32 knots of 65,000, the ships are driven by geared turbines, with Diesel engines for cruising purposes.

With 1,200 tons of oil, plus 300 tons of Diesel fuel, the ships are reported to have a cruising radius of 5,500 miles at 14 knots, and 10,000 at 10 knots.
On December 14 it was officially announced by the Admiralty that in the North Sea the same British submarine that sighted the Bremen had torpedoed an enemy cruiser.

There is no connexion between this and the latest exploit of the sinking of a cruiser of the Koln class.—British Wireless.

U-boat Prisoners

London, Dec. 18.
Further evidence of the success of naval operations is contained in a War Office list issued to-day of U-boat officers and men who are prisoners in this country.

To-day's list contains seven names and there has been a daily list of captives for the past four days.—Reuter Bulletin.

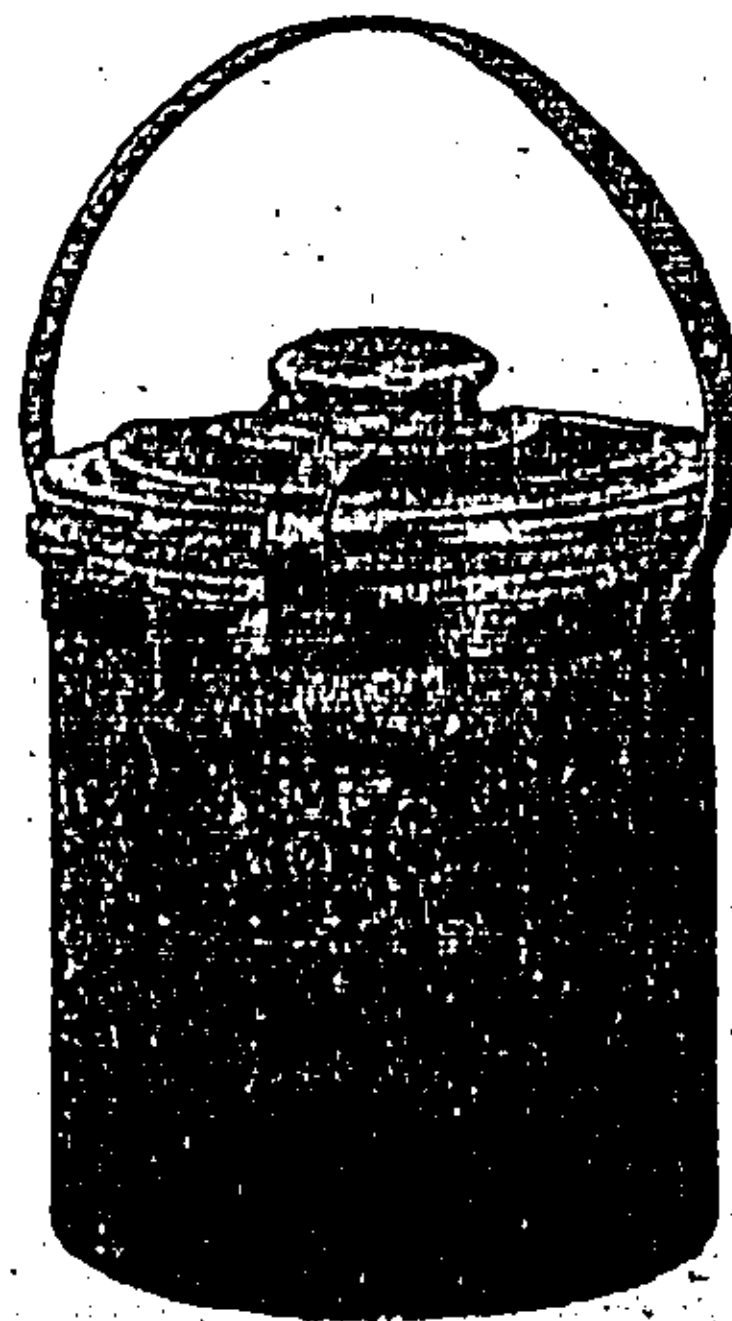
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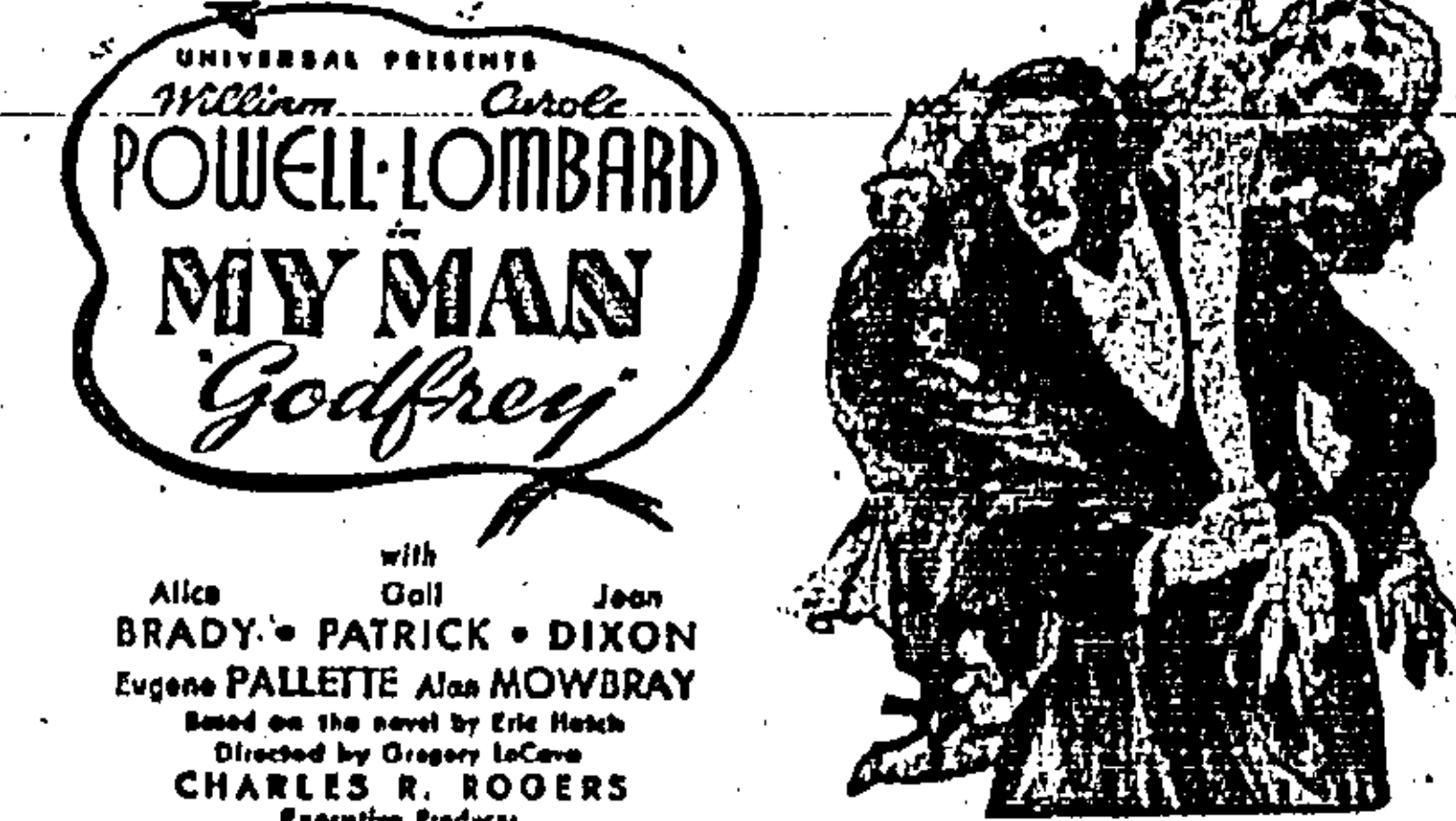
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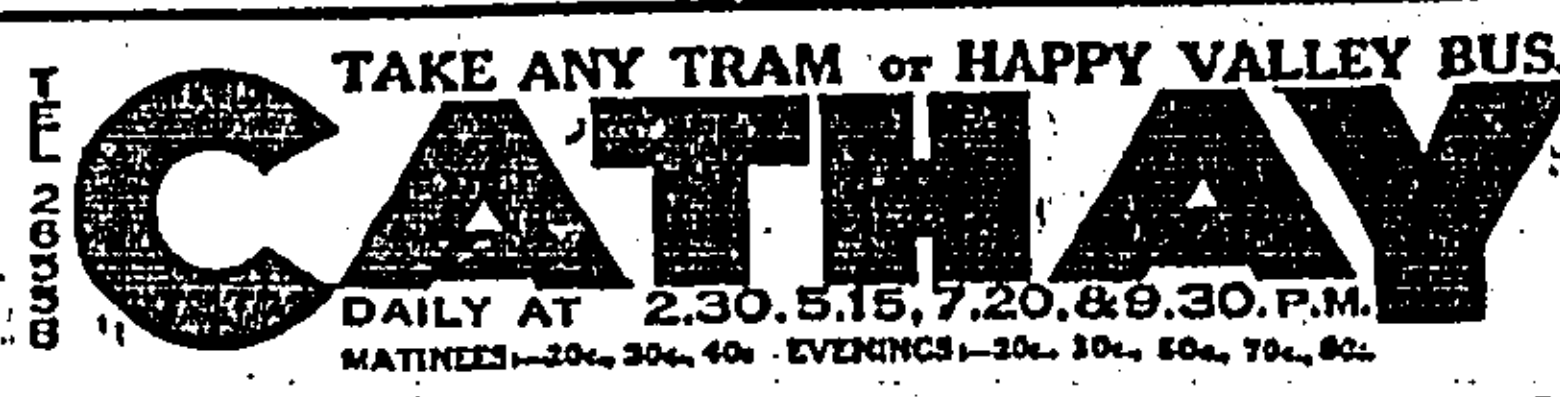
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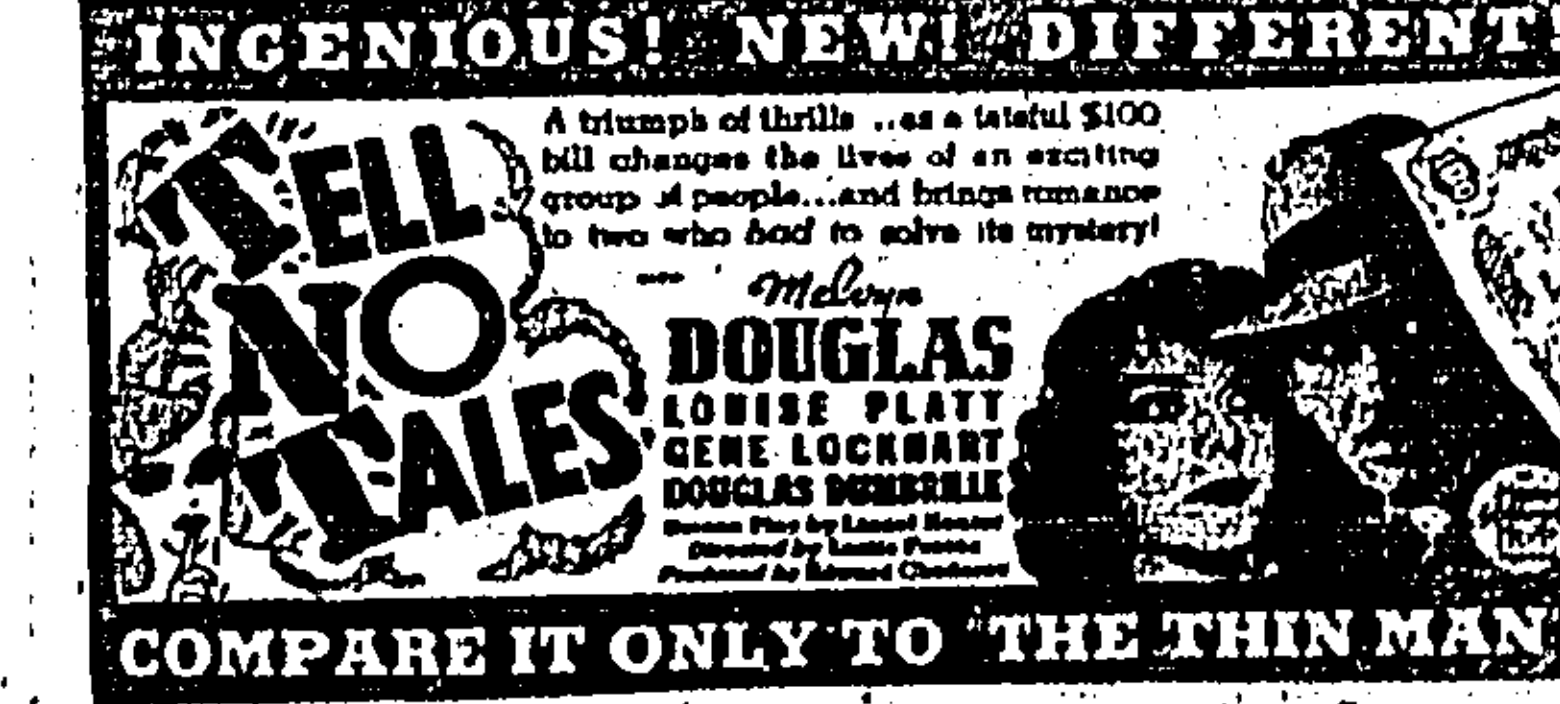
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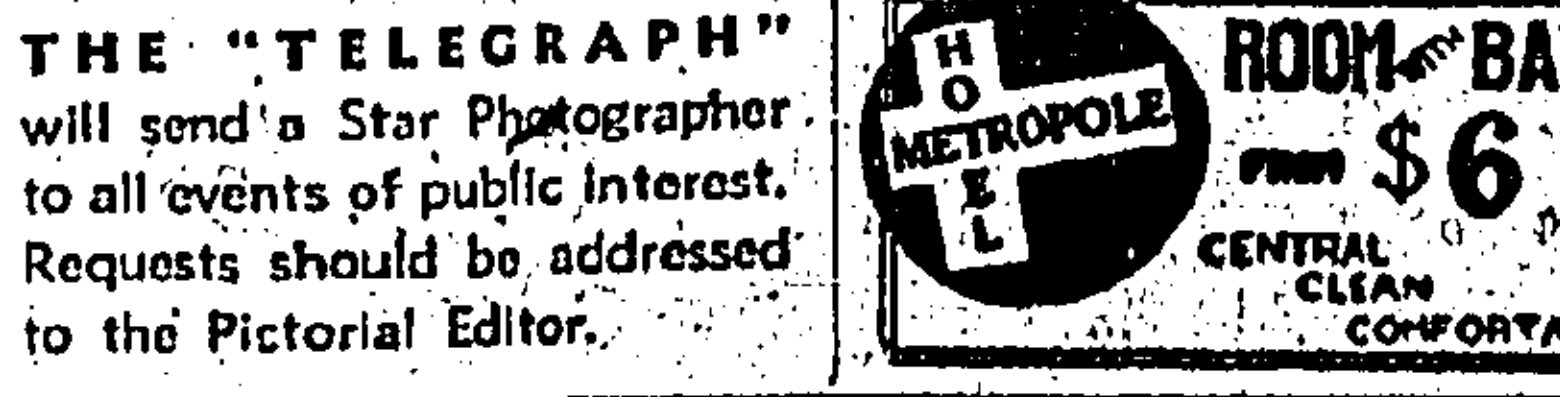
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KONIGSBERG SUNK IN RIVER ELBE BY H.M.S. URSULA: NAZI BLACK DAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 19 (UP).—THE REMARKABLE COURAGE OF A NAVAL COMMANDER WHO WAS FORMERLY ATTACHED TO H.M.S. ODIN ON CHINA STATION IN HONGKONG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OF THE GREATEST NAVAL EPICS OF THE WAR.

THE OFFICER IS LIEUT. COMMANDER E. O. B. BICKFORD, COMMANDER OF H.M. SUBMARINE SALMON, TO WHICH HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM H.M.S. ODIN IN 1937.

By his daring and seamanship, the 6,000-ton Nazi cruiser Leipzig lies at the bottom of the North Sea and another 6,000-ton cruiser was last seen in a sinking condition.

Disguised Ship As H.M.S. Renown To Elude Allies

Graphic Story By Graf Spee Captain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (Domei).—"I sank the Admiral Graf Spee because I, as a naval mariner, could not tolerate the internment of my ship in a neutral port or the only other alternative, its sinking by the shells of hostile ships."

The amazing confession was made to-day by Captain Hans Langsdorff, the commander of the scuttled Nazi warship.

Captain Langsdorff landed in Buenos Aires to-day with other members of his crew. All will be interned, although the captain and officers will be paroled.

Captain Langsdorff gave a vivid account of the "pocket battleship's" career as a predatory raider.

The cruiser, he said, operated in the north Atlantic, the Indian Ocean and the south Atlantic.

Frequently Disguised
"Immediately after the outbreak of war, the Admiral Graf Spee was assigned to the duty of engaging in raids on British commerce."

"The Graf Spee was frequently disguised in order to evade Allied vessels."

"On one occasion we hoisted dummy funnels and made other changes to the superstructure in order to disguise ourselves as the British battleship Renown."

"The British would not believe that I would sink my ship in the shallow waters off Montevideo and they were fully prepared for an engagement when I weighed anchor."

"I believe that I was right in sinking in shallow instead of deep water."

"I am convinced that no-one will ever be able to learn the secrets of the 'pocket battleships' from the wreckage of the Admiral Graf Spee."

"The ship has been completely wrecked."

Blames Uruguay
Captain Langsdorff expressed great bitterness at the action of the Uruguayan Government in ordering him to depart within 72 hours.

"My ship required at least fifteen days to complete repairs," he declared.

"Even after fighting the British warships for 14 hours I still had sufficient fuel in the Admiral Graf Spee to sail across to Spain," Captain Langsdorff admitted, "in giving the lie to the Berlin suggestion that he had put into Montevideo for fuel."

Captain Langsdorff added that he preferred to be interned in Argentina to Uruguay in view of the "unfriendly attitude of the Uruguayan Government."

Berlin Flaga Half-Masted
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Flags were half-masted at the
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1,000 MEN INTERNEED

No More War For Crew
Of Graf Spee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee will be finally interned on the small island of Martin Garcia, where Argentine political prisoners are kept and where General Irigoyen was interned after the revolution of 1930.

It is assumed that the officers will be allowed to live in Buenos Aires on parole.

The Foreign Office said the internment would be in accordance with Article 15 of the Hague Convention.

At present, 750 members of the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee are detained in a hotel for immigrants; and 250, including Captain Langsdorff, are in the arsenal alongside the hotel.

With the four members of the crew of the Tacoma who have also been arrested by the Uruguayan, all are thus accounted for.

Apparently the Uruguayans contend that although the explosion was outside territorial waters, it was set off from a launch which was within the jurisdiction of Uruguay and they are therefore conducting an inquiry.

24-Hour Voyage
The crew men reached Buenos Aires after a 24 hour trip from the mouth of the Rio Plata, where the Admiral Graf Spee exploded.

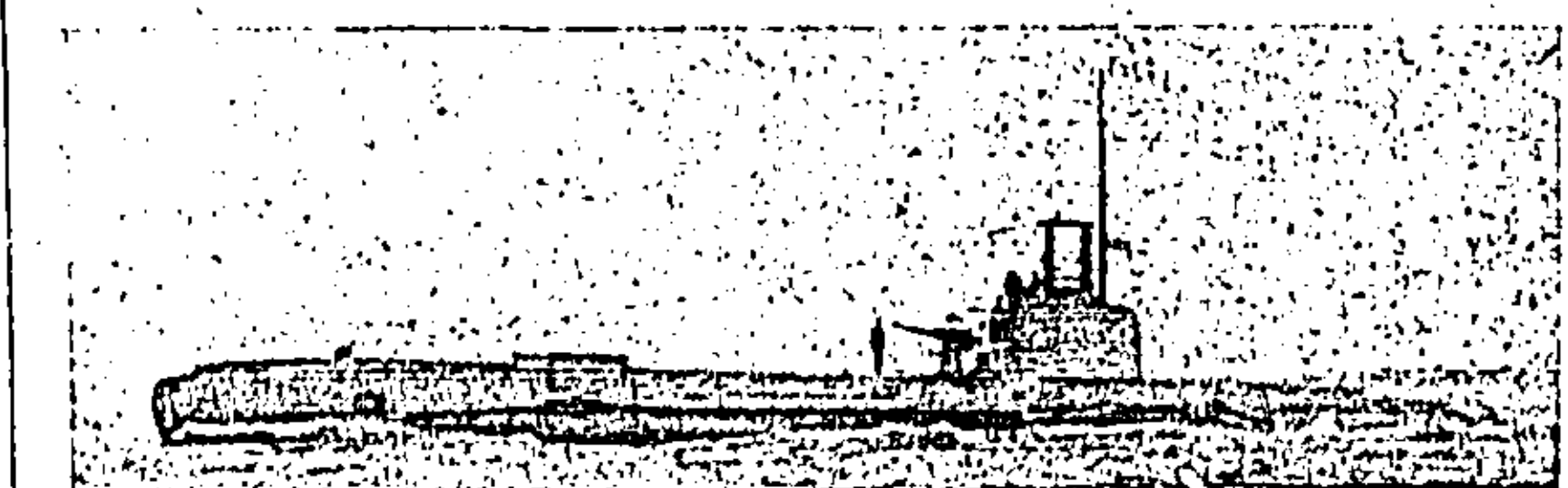
The Foreign Minister, Senor Jose Castillo, and other experts are studying the legal aspects of the Graf von Spee's case with relation to the Hague Convention in an effort to determine the status of Captain Langsdorff, his officers and crew.

Captain Langsdorff was visibly tired and weary when he landed but he personally supervised the landing of his crew and barked out orders as 7,000 spectators jammed the small dock space and cheered the German sailors, the majority of whom appeared to be in good health.

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WEEK OF BRILLIANT SUCCESS

The feat climaxes a brilliant week of success for the Royal Navy. It began with the flight and subsequent scuttling of the 'pocket battleship' Admiral Graf Spee after an engagement with three British warships, of inferior size and armaments.



H.M.S. SALMON

It continued with the sinking, at the mouth of the River Elbe, of an unidentified 6,000-ton Nazi cruiser, believed to be the Konigsberg. This feat was performed by H.M. submarine Ursula, the name of whose commander is not divulged.

GRAND FLEET ATTACKED

It ends with the successful attack by Lieut. Commander Bickford and his crew of 40 men on the Nazi Grand Fleet.

Lieut. Commander Bickford reports that there is every indication that "at least one of the German ships (the Leipzig) might well have failed to reach port." Two torpedoes damaged another 6,000-ton cruiser.

The story of the exploits of the two British submarines is one of the most dramatic of the war.

In order to enter the River Elbe, the submarine Ursula, which is only a small coastal type vessel of 540 tons and carrying but 27 men, had to proceed through the Nazi minefields and set a course below six destroyers which were protecting units of the German fleet in the Elbe basin.

Fired Six Torpedoes

After passing the destroyers the Ursula fired six torpedoes from her bows.

The cruisers, which is of the Konigsberg type, sank within a few minutes.

The Nazi destroyers immediately dropped depth charges all around the sinking ship but, despite the peril of imminent destruction, the Commander of the Ursula was able to manoeuvre his submarine into the open sea again, and so escaped.

His name is not given in the Admiralty reports. According to the July, 1939 Naval List the three officers aboard the Ursula would be Lieut. Cmdr. G. C. Phillips, and Lieutenants R. L. Alexander and R. B. Lakin. Lieut. Lakin is believed to have been stationed in Hongkong at one time.

Remarkable Daring

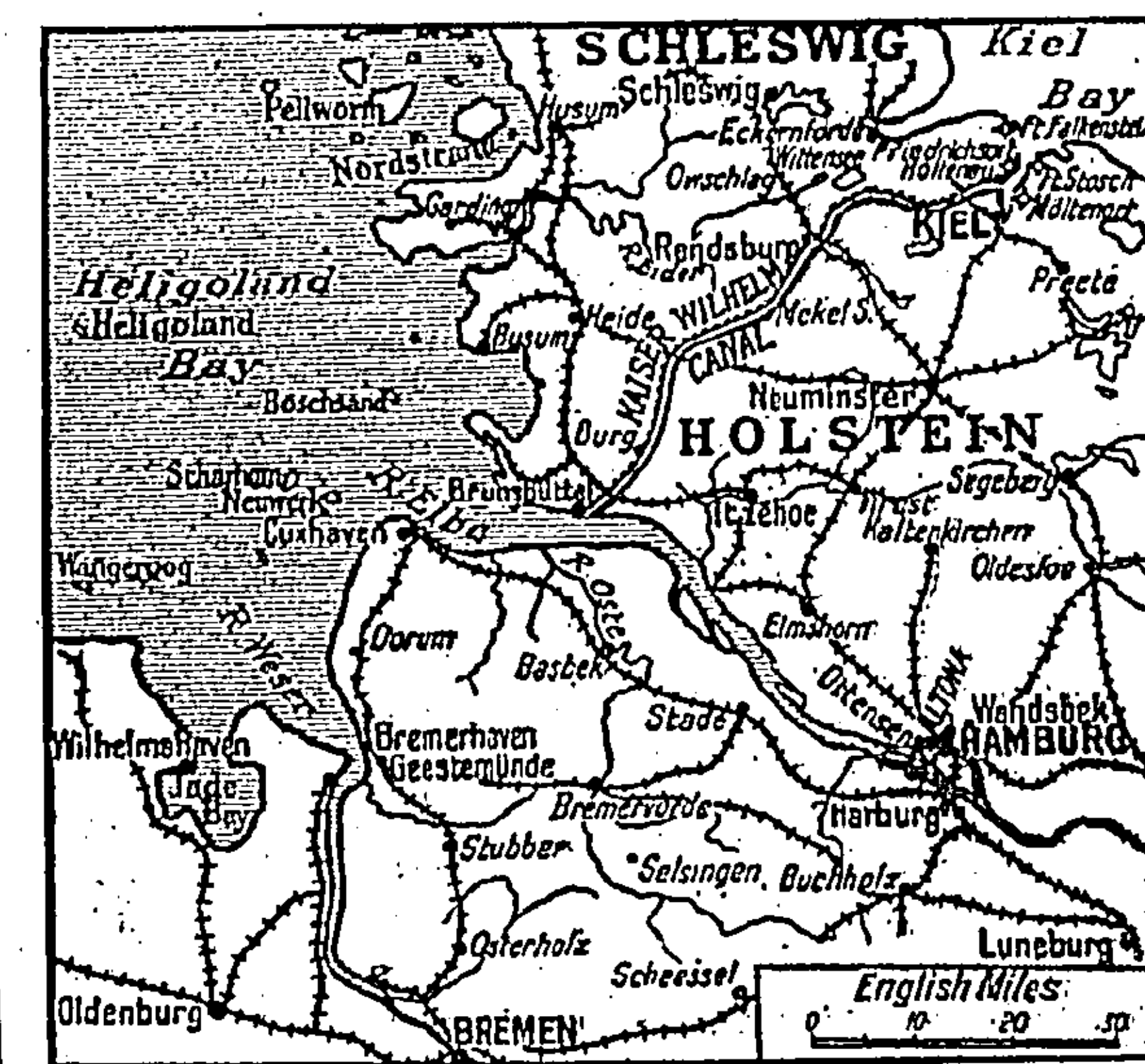
The exploit by Lieut. Commander Bickford and the crew of forty in his 670-ton submarine Salmon reveals even more remarkable daring.

It was Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford who sighted and permitted to escape the German cruiser liner Bremen.

Twenty-four hours after the Bremen sailed within torpedo range of the Salmon Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford sighted enemy warships.

On closer examination these proved to be the 20,000-ton German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, the biggest ships in the German Navy (it will be recalled that the Gneisenau was reported sunk or seriously damaged in the first R.A.F. raid on Wilhelmshaven), a 10,000-ton pocket battleship which is almost certain to be the Admiral Scheer (the Admiral Graf Spee was a sister-ship and the only other one, the Deutschland, is believed to be in the north Atlantic), and three cruisers.

Two of these cruisers were the new 8-inch gun ships Hipper and Blucher, completed and commissioned this year. The third was recognised as the 6,000-ton cruiser Leipzig.



R.A.F. Stages War's Biggest Air Raids.

65 Planes Attack Nazi Naval Bases

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Britain launched the biggest air raids of the war over German naval bases yesterday.

Sixty-five Royal Air Force planes participated in the big-scale attacks, which were launched on coastal bases in Heligoland Bay throughout the day, presumably in retaliation for the Nazi bombing attacks on British merchant shipping.

Conflicting claims are made regarding the outcome of the British raids.

An official British communiqué, in admitting that British planes penetrated to the Nazi naval bases, claims that thirty-four of the R.A.F. planes were shot down.

An official British communiqué admits that strong concentrations of Nazi fighter planes were met in the course of the raids.

12 Nazis Shot Down
Twelve Messerschmidt pursuit planes were shot down by the British bombers, seven of which are officially admitted to have been lost.

The British planes concentrated their activities in the neighbourhood of Heligoland. Several sharp aerial battles occurred over the inner Heligoland light.

The official Berlin announcement states that the crews of two of the British bombers bailed out by means of their parachutes and were rescued.

Berlin Admissions
Berlin officially admits that several R.A.F. planes succeeded in reaching Wilhelmshaven, where bombs were dropped "without result."

The Nazi communiqué adds: "The wrecks of several British planes have already been washed ashore on the beaches of the Frisian Islands."

"The claim of 34 British planes shot down does not include other possible losses."

Dog-Fight Watched
Inhabitants of the outlying Jutland islands, which are close to the German coast, were watching the dog-fight since the commencement of the war.

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BATTLES RAGE IN FINLAND

Defenders Claim
Big Victory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18 (UP).—The "Dagens Nyheter" correspondent at Suomussalmi quotes General Vallenius as stating that the Finns have scored the greatest victory of the Soviet-Finnish war in the mid-Finland campaign, when one Finnish regiment defeated three Russian regiments comprising 7,000 men.

The Finns scored a second victory when they threw off a heavy Russian attack north of Kemijarvi.

The Finns attacked the Russians on both flanks, after permitting them to penetrate near the border town of Antajarvi, to the north-west of Suomussalmi.

General Vallenius would not reveal the number killed, wounded or taken prisoner, but said the Russian regiments had been completely destroyed.

The Finns, attacking the Russian flank at Kiantarmarvi, launched a frontal attack, completely routing the Soviet troops.

The Finns have successfully resisted in one day more men than PLEASE Turn To Page 12.

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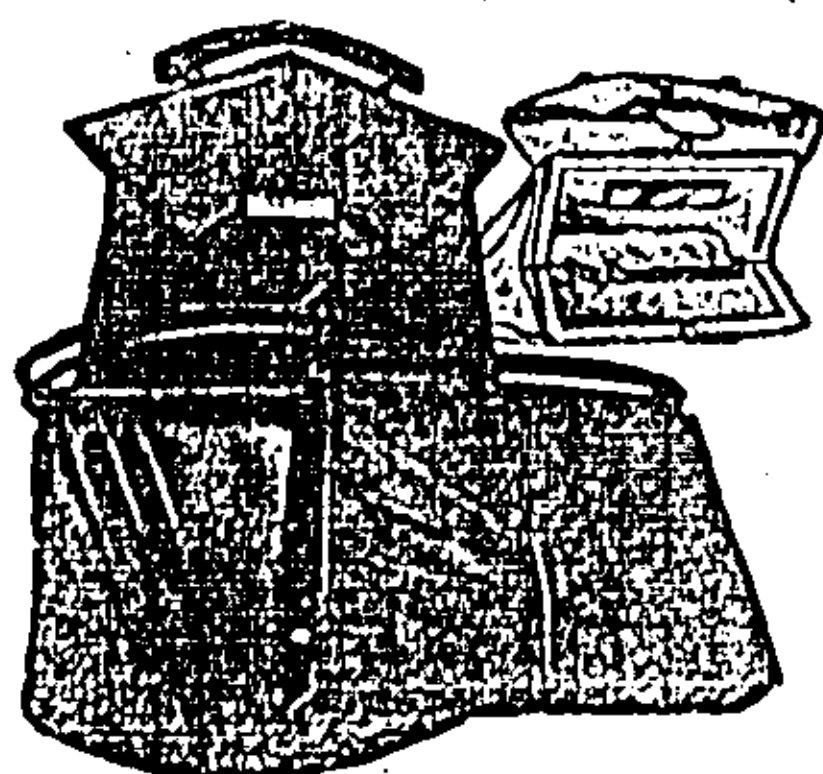
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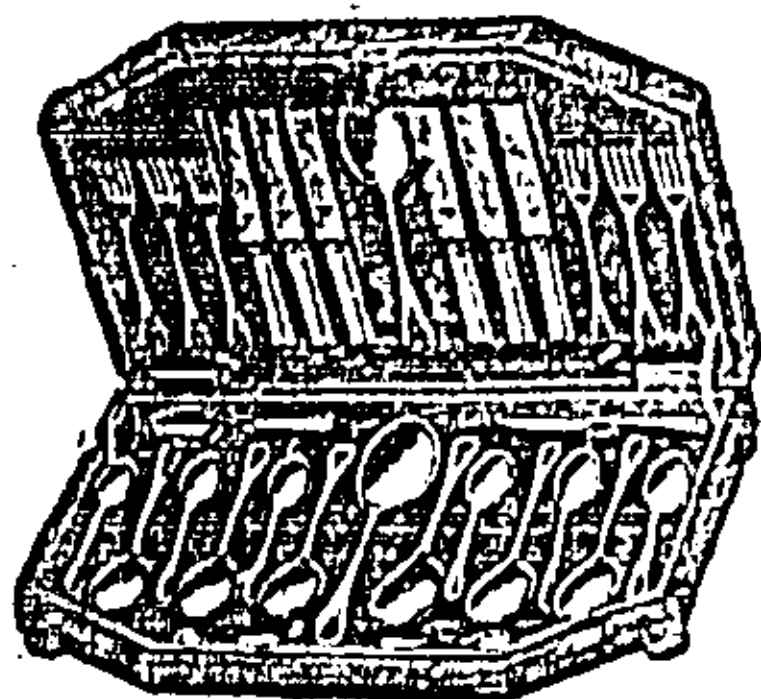
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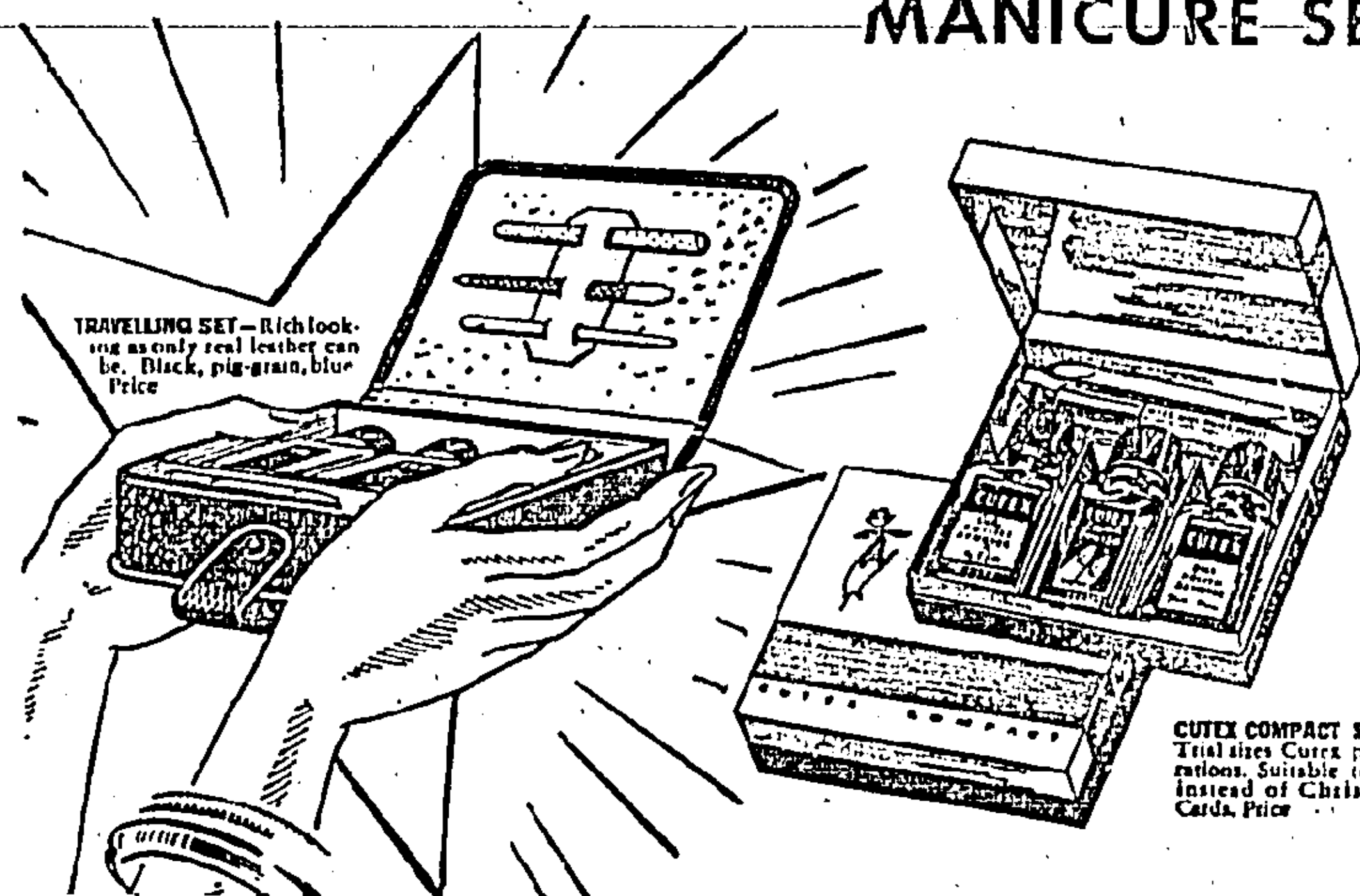
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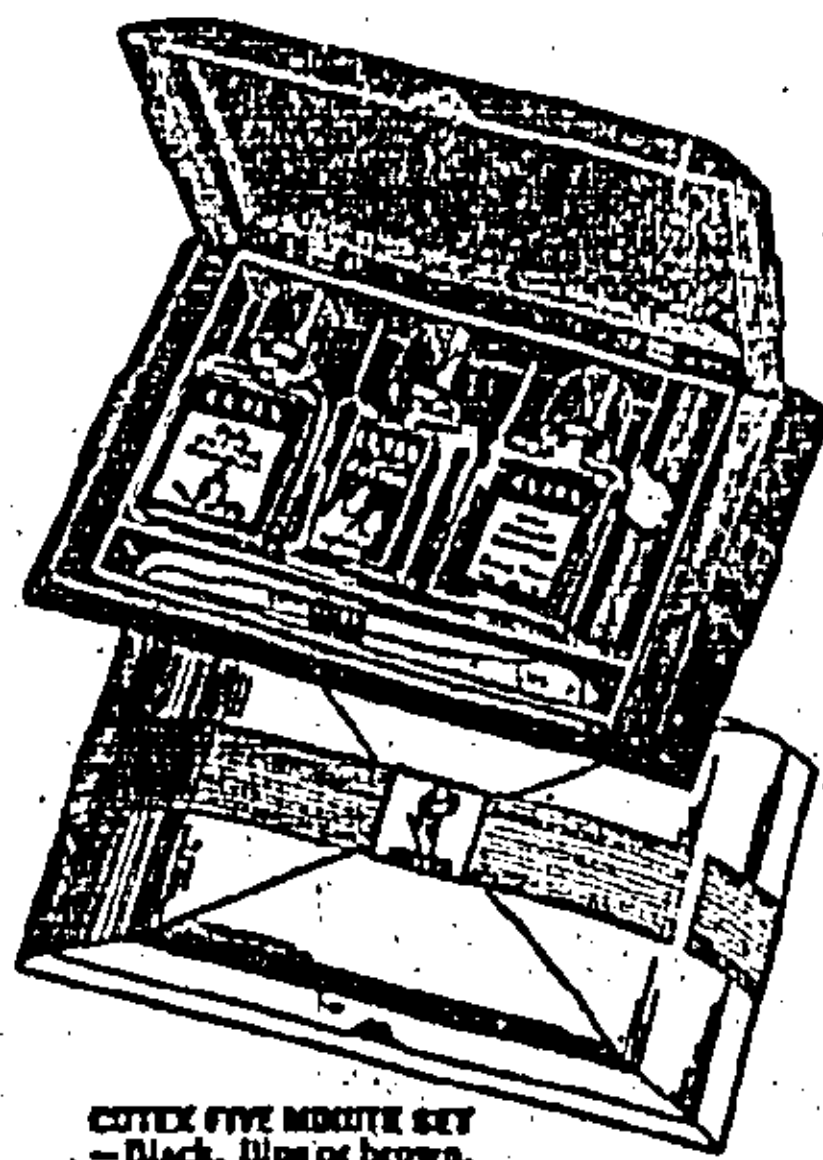


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RAIDERS PADDLED RUBBER BOAT WITH THEIR HANDS

PADDLING their collapsible rubber boat with their hands, two German airmen who had been 48 hours adrift after their bomber had been shot down in the North Sea, landed near Whitby, on the Yorkshire coast, and were captured by a railway special constable.

This was the account of the capture given by George Thomas, the officer concerned.

"I was about 200 yards from Sandsend Tunnel when I saw a man standing at the entrance.

Cricket Comments

(By "R. Abbit")

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The Middlesex scored 93 for 8 wickets. They were without Man, who has hardly been able to play at all this season, though, I am glad to say, I am told he will be able to turn out more in the future. I doubt however if he will be preferred to Croose in the Army Triangular Tournament.

And that reminds me. The Navy are down to play the Club on December 30 and January 1, 1940 in the Triangular Tournament. I sincerely hope that they will endeavour to field a side. Would it not be possible to work in with the R.F.S. who are very keen now and run a side of their own? It would be a pity to let one of our few two-day games fade out. If they cannot do it, then I would suggest that a game Island versus Handland be substituted. This should produce some very interesting cricket.

R. A. F. Crash

THE AIR FORCE batting was by no means up to their previous standard, and only C. M. King (18) reached double figures in a miserable total of 47. Y. T. Barma's 4 for 8 was the best bowling record. Nor did the I.L.C. do very much better, though at the end A. R. Sumad ran up 21 not out. Waddington's figures of 14-5-24-5 were excellent, and included a hat-trick. They were all out for 72 runs.

Veterans At Cricket

IT WAS A PERFECTLY delightful day on Sunday last when two teams of over the age of forty-five met at the Kowloon Cricket Club for a most excellent lunch and a very pleasant afternoon's cricket. It was intended to be a sort of farewell to R. E. Lindell, who is, I understand, retiring at the end of the season.

There were several people who had been quite well known as cricketers some years ago but who have not played for a long time. Blaker, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Humphreys and C. C. Clarke have not played, I think, for at least four or five years—much longer in some cases—while since 1936 E. W. Hamilton has only turned out in the Oxford and Cambridge match. On the other side Jex has not played for several years, and his excellent wicket keeping—the three extras were widely indicated that his retirement was premature.

The Hongkong side batted first, and the understanding was that the score of 25 called for retirement with the concession that the batsman could carry on to the end of the over. That some batsmen availed themselves of this is signified by the fact that both Gillespie and Eric Mitchell got to 32 while T. E. Pearce was bowled at 39 trying to hit a 6 instead of a 4 to square leg. McLeod also retired for 26, and there were other useful contributions. G. S. Lovett 14, and Hamilton put on 20 for the last wicket to send up the 200.

WEAK BOWLING

IT SOON became evident that although the Hongkong side's batting was very much stronger than that of Kowloon, their bowling was very much weaker, and it was a question of which would crack worst, vex, who was expecting to make runs, was taken first slip off the first ball of the innings. Three wickets went down fairly soon, and then R.E. Lindell came in and played an extraordinary good innings.

He was very nearly bowled twice

"As I approached, the man ran away and tried to climb some railings, but I caught him.

"Speaking broken English, he said that he and his companion were survivors of a plane crew of four. Two other occupants of the plane were shot and died when the plane came down in the sea.

Thomas took the airman to Sandsend Station and police officers went for the other man, using the collapsible boat as a stretcher to carry him to the cliff-top.

THEIR SOS ?

The previous night, distress signals were seen off Whitby and the Whitby and Runswick lifeboats put out, but failed to find a distressed crew.

The collapsible boat was fitted with life-saving and signalling apparatus. The airman were taken to Whitby Cottage Hospital and the matron said: "They are both getting on nicely and are not seriously ill. They are suffering from exposure."

The Air Ministry official announcement stated that the fliers were part of the crew of a bomber which was attacked by British fighters.

GIANT PANDA DIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Sung, one of the three specimens of giant panda owned by the London Zoo, died to-day following an undiagnosed illness of several weeks.

Sung was worth over £1,000. early on, and he was dropped twice in the deep, but he played a great many very fine shots on the off-ends which, quite frankly, I never thought he had in his bag. He and Captain Parsons dead-headed for the retiring score. It was decided that as it was his "benefit" he should play the second period out.

He made such good use of it that he took his score to 56 before he slightly sprained a muscle, and decided to call it a day. C.G. Green was the only man to do anything else. Dropped early on, he took his score to 24 not out. The others, however, did very little. Redmond, who had a tremendous lot of work to do in the deep field and came at least two croppers trying to save fours, was suddenly discovered to be an ex-bowler. He sent down two overs which were probably as bad as anyone else's, but managed to bowl Stokes and got Ezra Abraham caught at the wicket. The next ball, rebounding from McLeod's pads into the wicket, stumped F.E. Nash. I see, by the way, that the scorer thought he was bowled.

LACKING LENGTH

AS I HAVE STATED, all the bowling was sadly lacking in length, that is, speaking of Hongkong. Parsons and W. Nash bowled very well for Kowloon though the former did not manage to get a wicket. They were both up against quite useful batting, and, indeed, so far as the batting went, I rather thought that the side could hold its own against any second division team, if not a first division team!

It was a most enjoyable day and very pleasant it was to see some of the earlier cricketers turning out again. H. E. the Governor had intended to play but stood down at the last moment and umpired. J. P. Robinson was at the other end. He must have been umpiring now for about twenty years, and for how many years before that he was playing for Kowloon I can't remember. I know he captained them somewhere about 1915 or so.

I cannot help thinking, however, that there will be a certain number of people walking about extremely stiffly for the next forty-eight hours—I definitely know one who is. The unaccustomed effort of holding a bat (and getting runs with it), has so cramped the muscles of his hands that he can hardly raise a glass to his lips, without spilling it. But of what account is that compared with such an excellent game?

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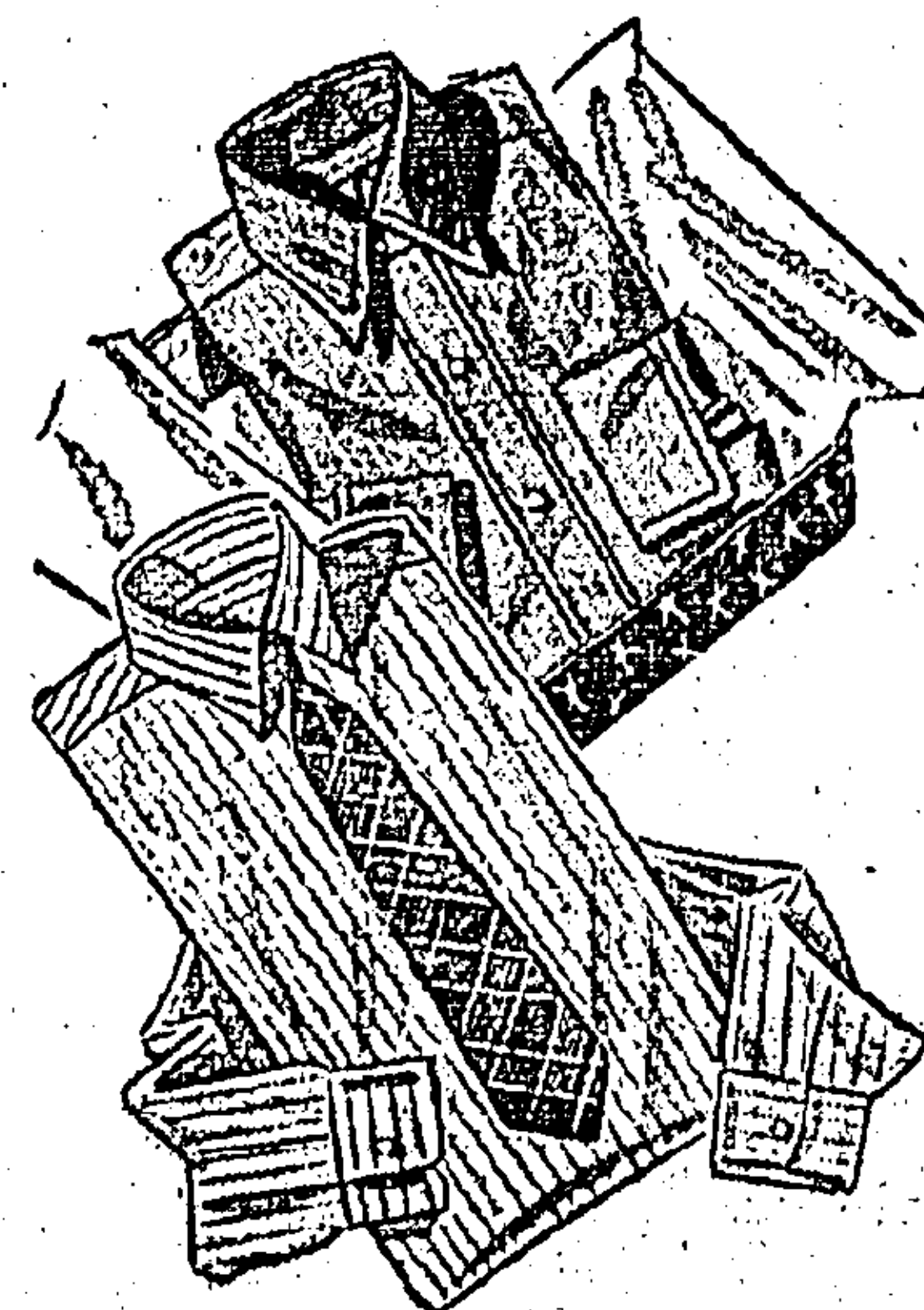
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REDS INVADE NORWAY TO TAKE FINNS IN REAR

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—General Wallenius, the Finnish Commander on the northern front, informed the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper, "Nyheter," that he was convinced that the Russian tanks attacked by way of Norwegian territory during the Salmjaervi operations.

He stated that the Finnish machine-guns stationed on the road bordering the front were suddenly attacked on the flank.

It was impossible that the Russian tanks could have avoided traversing Norwegian soil since the road was constantly watched.

U.S. SHIPS FOR MEDITERRANEAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Maritime Commission has authorised the United States Line to operate its liners, Manhattan and Menace, but only for the purpose of picking up passengers.

Soviet Battalion Goes Over To The Enemy

RED TROOPS REVOLT, JOIN FINN FORCES

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Reports of dissension and even revolt among Soviet soldiers and civilians, are relayed from Stockholm via Estonia.

On Sunday night, it is reported, the men of a Soviet battalion north of Lake Ladoga mutinied, shot their commissar and went over to the Finns.

FINNS GAINING GROUND

To-day there were reports of disturbances among the civilian populations of Leningrad and Moscow.

Extraordinary security measures are said to have been taken and the more important institutions are being guarded.

Houses are being raided by the police and radio receivers are being seized.

It must be emphasised, however, that these reports have not yet been confirmed.

Finns Gaining Ground

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The fighting in Finland appears to be at its heaviest in the Karelian Isthmus, judging from reports coming in from all sources.

The Finns are believed to have gained ground in that area.

They say that they have forced the Soviets back and have destroyed 30 tanks.

This report may be partly confirmed by the fact that while Soviet official communiques give details of the operations in other fronts, they are suspiciously silent about the Karelian Isthmus.

Erecting New Defences

Although the Mannerheim Line is many miles deep, the Finns are still erecting new defences miles behind.

North of Lake Ladoga, the Finns also seem to be doing well.

Their batteries have destroyed three armoured cars, while Finnish aeroplanes have also been busy.

OBITUARY

Famed U.S. Columnist

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (UP).—Mr. Heywood Brown, the well-known columnist, died at 9.50 a.m., to-day after a brief illness.

His wife, son and brother were at his bedside.

Mr. Brown was unconscious for 24 hours preceding his death.

He received the last rites of the Catholic Church on Friday.

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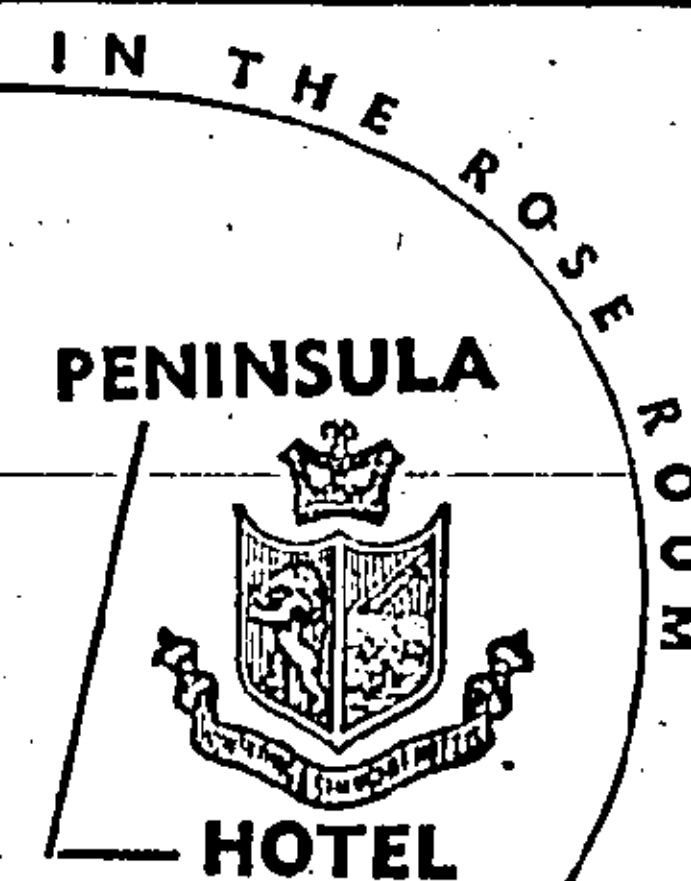
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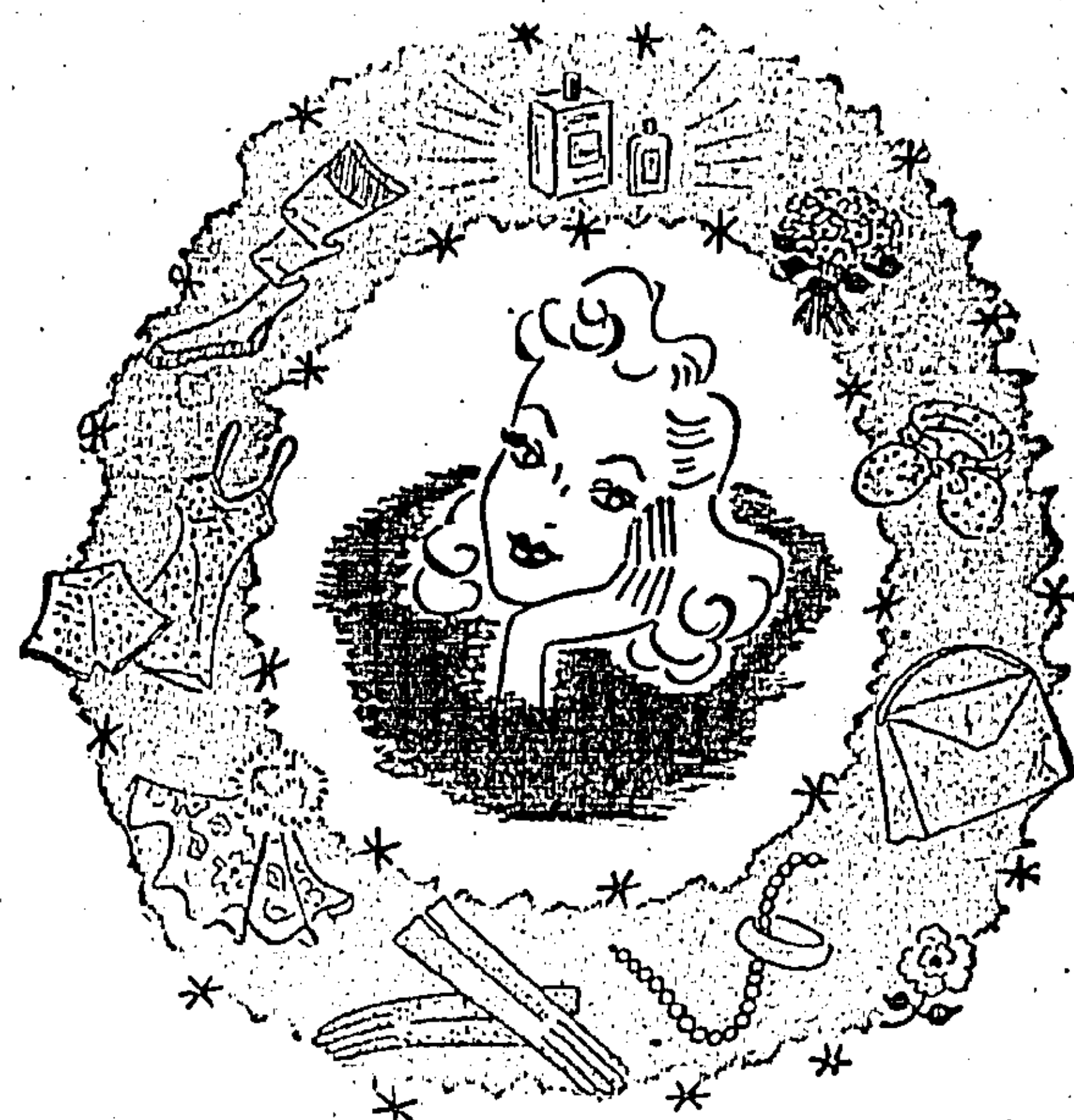
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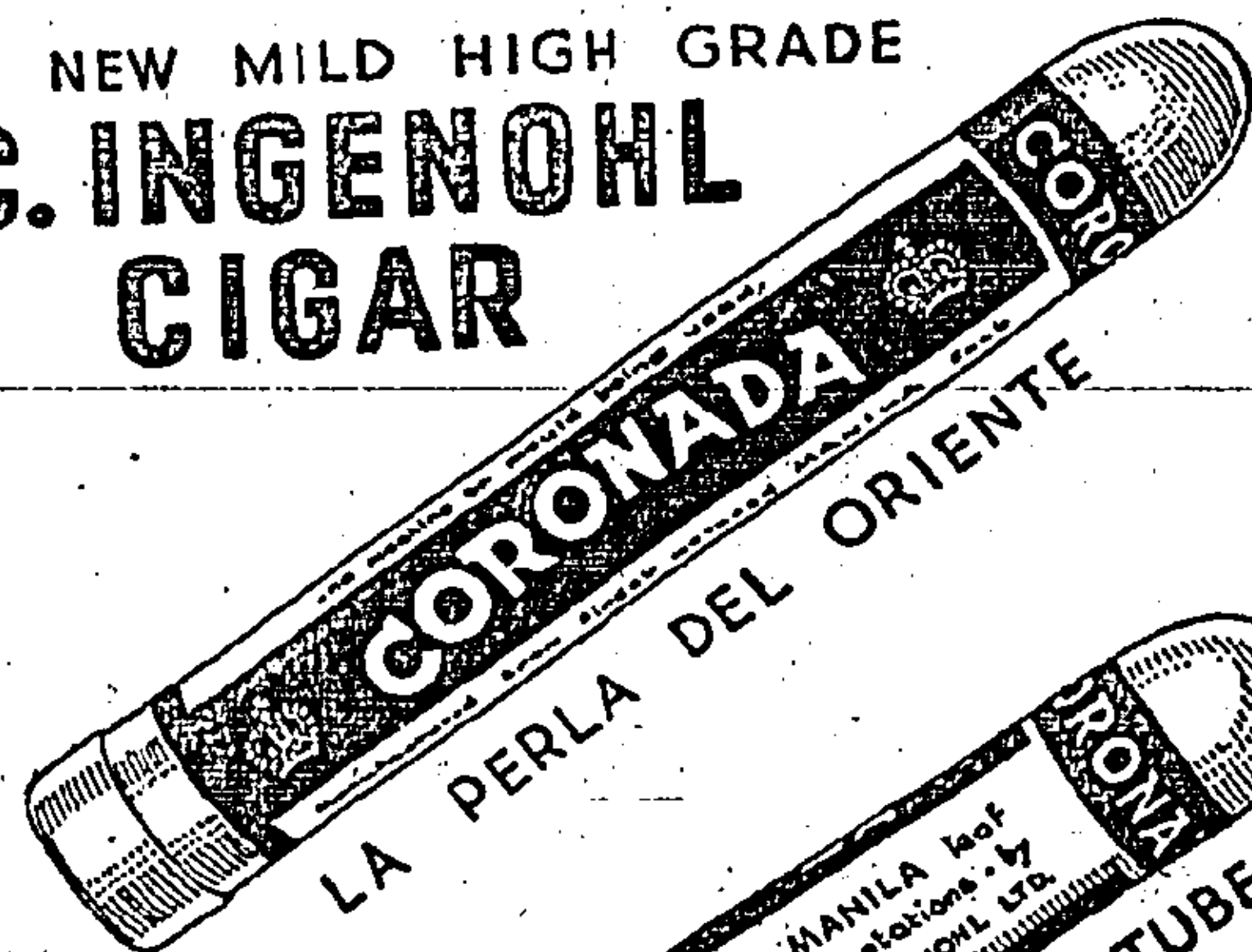
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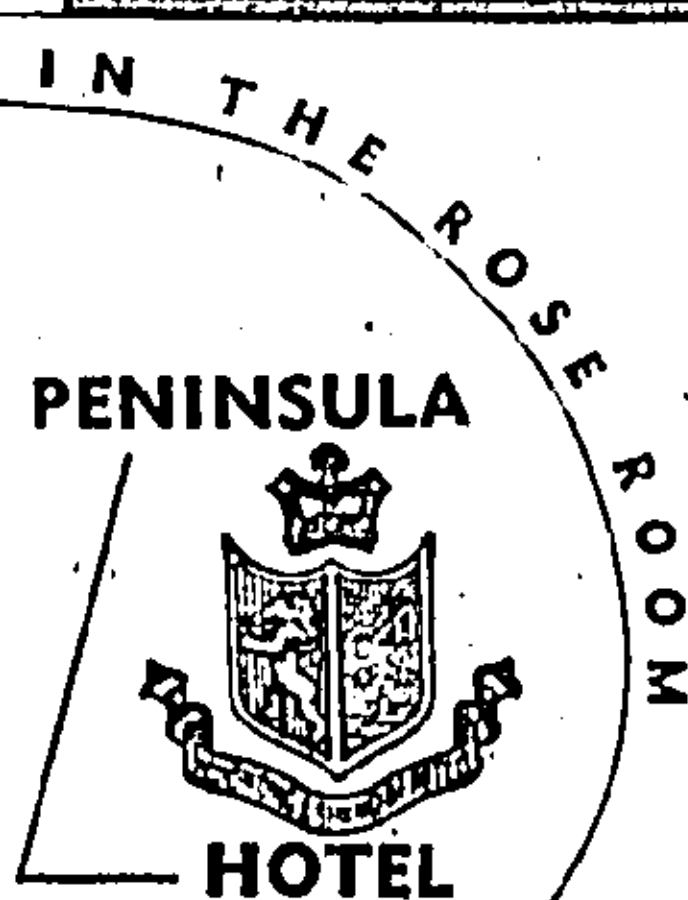
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BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (UP).—Argentine has
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It is understood that the crew will be interned at
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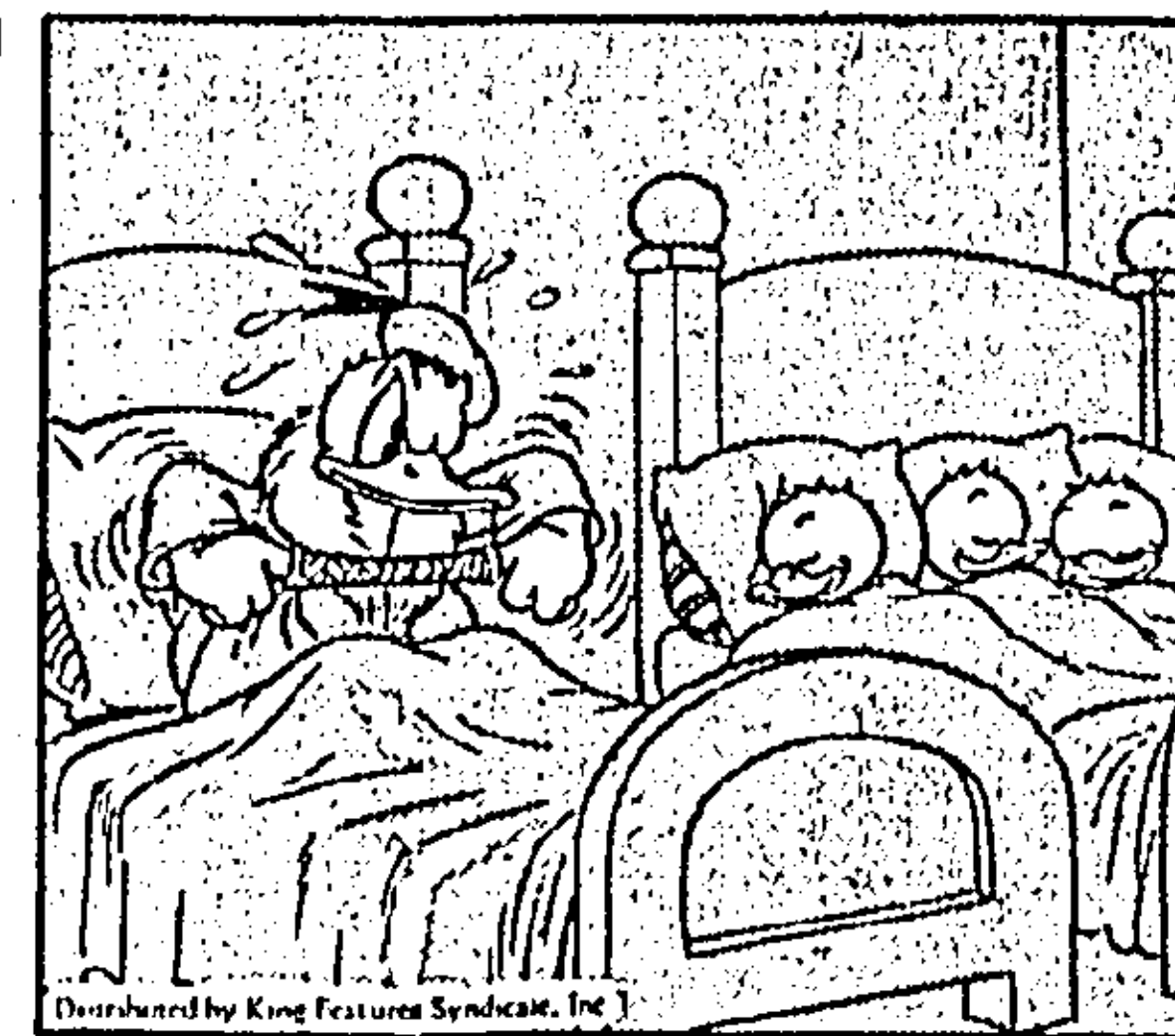
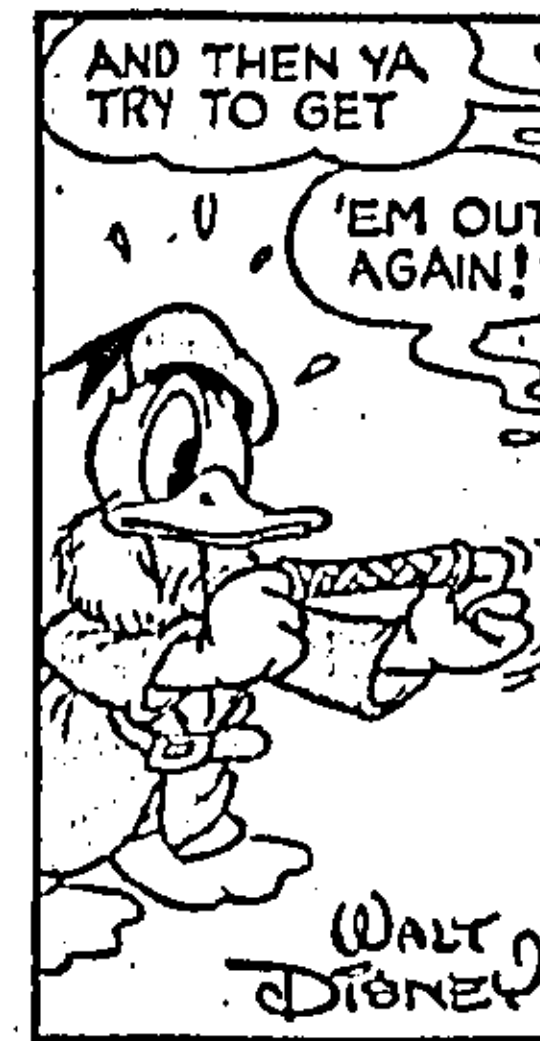
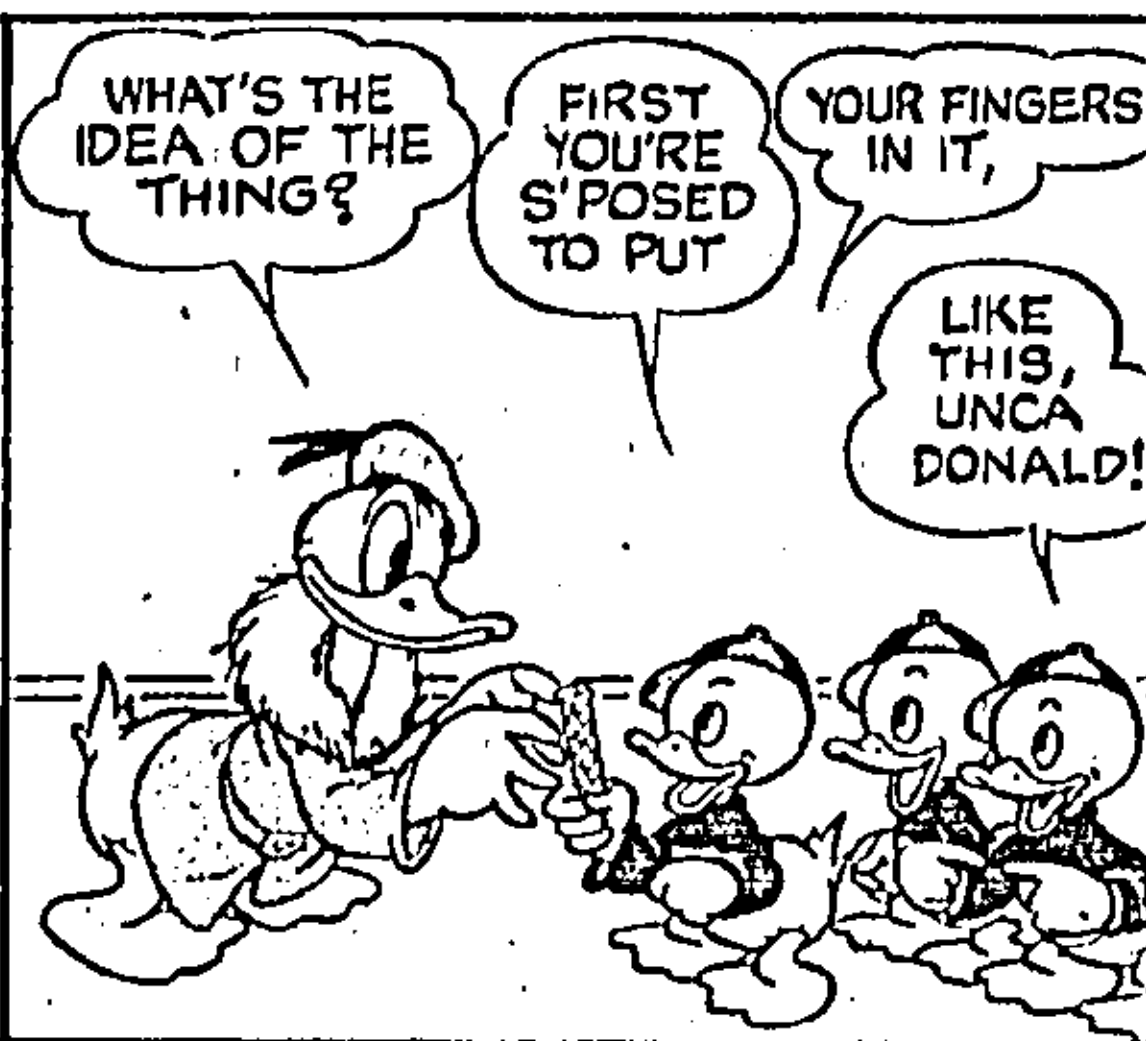
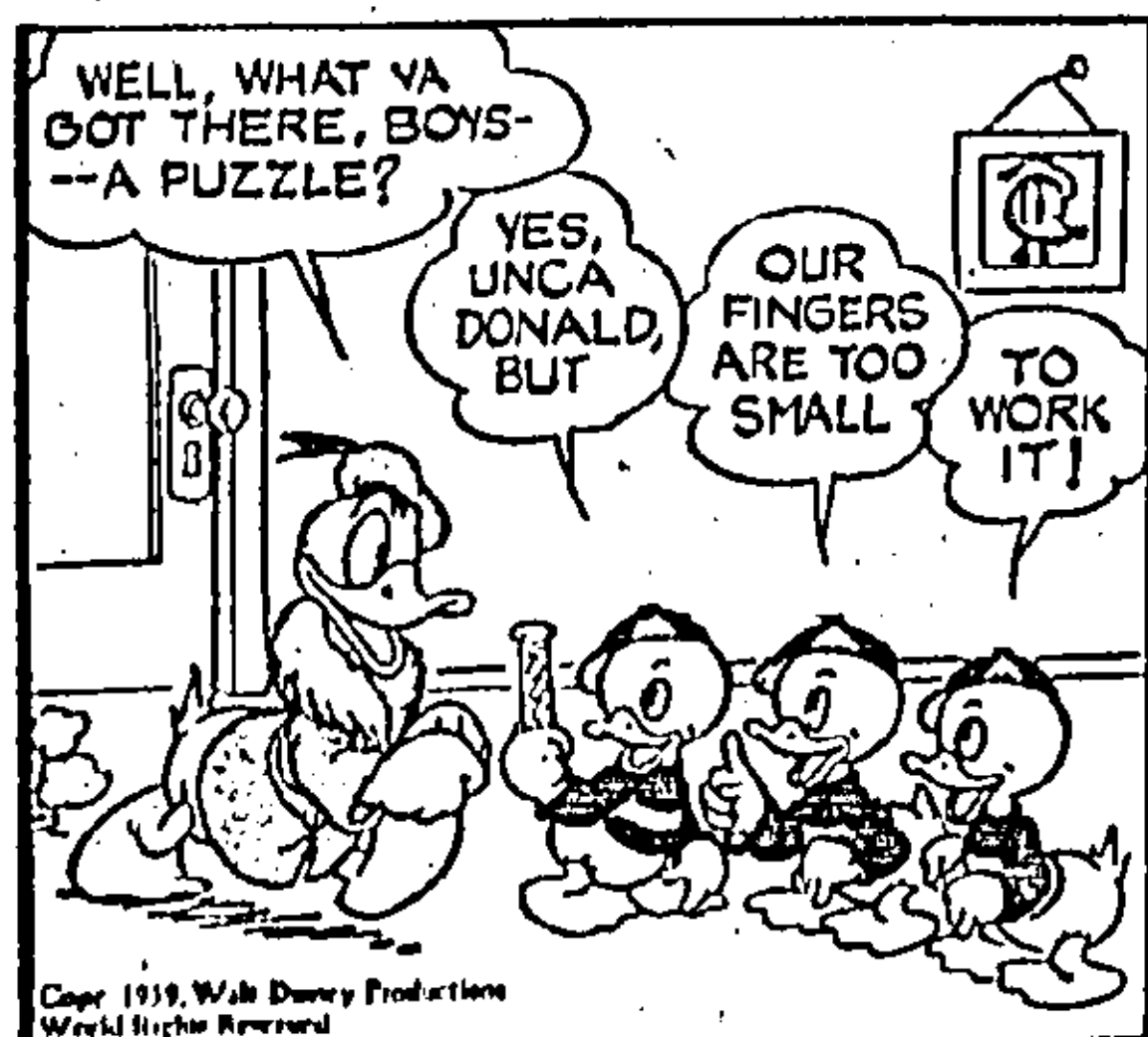
The Graf Spee's captain told the
master of the tanker that for the past
two weeks he had been straddling the
Australia-Cape shipping route,
but without sighting any British
ships.

Doric Star Scuttled

The Graf Spee, followed by her
supply ship, which most of the
British crews were being kept, con-
tinued to cruise around but it was
not until December 2 that she sighted
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This was the 10,000-ton Doric
Star which sent out an S. O. S. and
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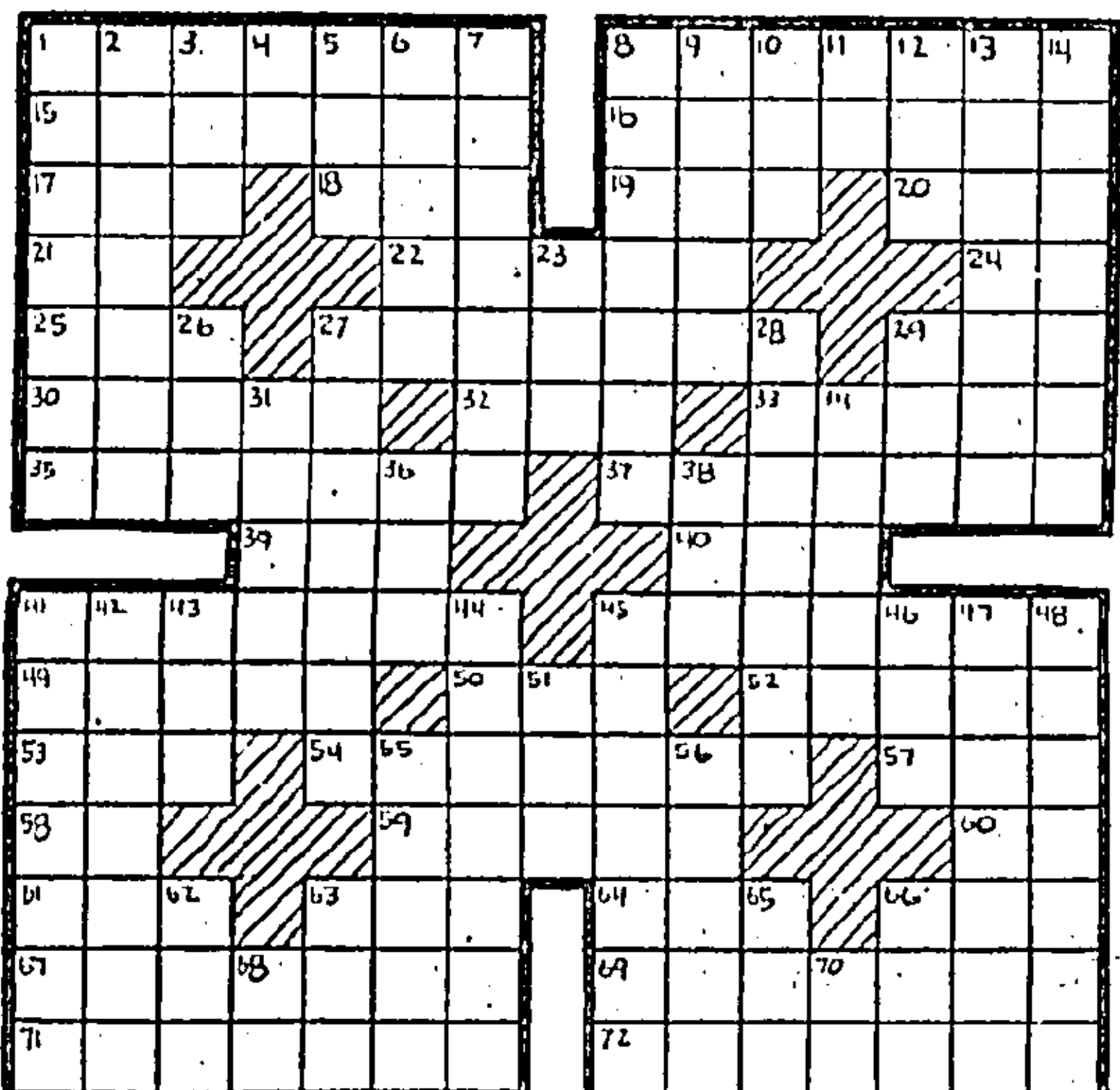
By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Bright colored
- 2—In order
- 3—Act of eating
- 4—Piercing sight
- 5—Counting meter
- 6—Pit out
- 7—King's exclamation
- 8—Tear
- 9—Bitter orange
- 10—University degree
- 11—Cathedral
- 12—Biblical place
- 13—Small island
- 14—Sore throat
- 15—Division of extended term
- 16—Place of stinging
- 17—Kind of wrench
- 18—Dress
- 19—Unit of work
- 20—Ancient warship
- 21—Those who navigate
- 22—Bench upon
- 23—Weak mental
- 24—Enthusiasm
- 25—Voice in ancient
- 26—Fruit drink
- 27—Annually periodic
- 28—Following the start
- 29—Violent mood
- 30—Trickiness

DOWN

- 1—Type of umbrella
- 2—Art of making
- 3—Use never to
- 4—Pennsylvania
- 5—Indian ruler
- 6—African stream
- 7—Woman who foretells
- 8—American planets
- 9—Direct
- 10—Place of cloth
- 11—Tanks
- 12—River tank
- 13—Member of legislature
- 14—Anthraxoid
- 15—Bliss
- 16—Fishing line into
- 17—Girl's name
- 18—How
- 19—Intersection of lines
- 20—Form of headgear
- 21—Size of coat
- 22—Blacked
- 23—Hepatitis
- 24—Nile
- 25—Thin of common
- 26—Curve
- 27—Rustic
- 28—Horse's mane
- 29—In manner of
- 30—Summer residence to
- 31—India
- 32—Bird of bird
- 33—Pig pen
- 34—Rat
- 35—South America
- 36—Habit
- 37—Police in



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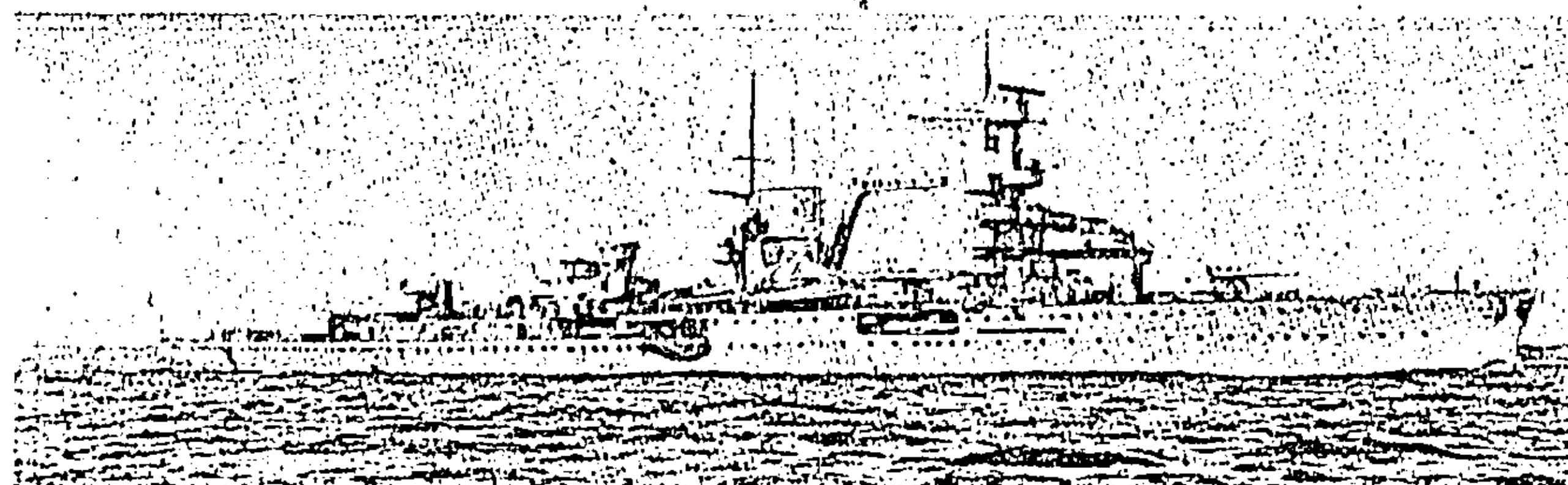
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THE 6,000-TON NAZI CRUISER LEIPZIG

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS TWO CRUISERS

Continued from Page 1

further. In order to elude the screen of destroyers, she had to dive deep and attempt to escape by steering a zig-zag course at high speed.

She was hunted and attacked by depth charges for over two hours, and it was not until after dark that she was able to surface again.

Returns To The Scene

Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford returned to the scene of his exploit and there found an area of nearly four square miles of sea thickly coated in oil fuel.

There was so much oil on the sea that the fumes contaminated the air in the submarine to such an extent that the vessel had to leave the vicinity and vent into with clean air before being able to submerge again.

The evidence suggests that at least one of the Nazi cruisers might well have failed to reach port.

Nazi Submarine Sunk

Prior to this thrilling event, the Salmon sighted and destroyed a big Nazi U-boat of the ocean-going type. The Nazi vessel was sighted shortly after the Salmon commenced her patrol. She was steaming fast on the surface, using her Diesel engines, and Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford manoeuvred quickly to attack.

Immediately the unsuspecting U-boat came within range, Lieut. Cmdr. Bickford released his torpedoes, and in a few seconds there was a shattering explosion. Part of the wreckage was thrown at least 200 feet into the air.

There were no survivors from the U-boat crew, despite the fact that the Salmon made a lengthy search.

Epic Of Skill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The news of the U-boat's feat coming within a few hours of the scuttling of the Graf Spee has caused jubilation in Britain.

The "Evening News" refers to the exploit as an "epic of skill and audacity."

Nazi Bomb Motor Ship

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—In connection with the coastal raids on Britain by the Nazi air force on Sunday, it is now reported that the motor vessel, Serenity, of 24 tons, was sunk during the course of these attacks.

The crew, who have been landed by life-boat, said that the ship was attacked by Nazi planes.

One bomb made a direct hit on the Serenity, but fortunately no one was injured.

British fighters then arrived and drove the Nazis off, appearing to have destroyed one as they did so, according to the ship's crew.

First Sighted Bremen

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Amplifying the recent Admiralty statement regarding the Bremen, another statement to-day discloses that when the submarine came to periscope depth to investigate, she found the Bremen steaming past fairly fast, but it was at once obvious that the liner would pass well within torpedo range.

In fact, it would be impossible for the captain of the submarine to have missed at such a great target had he decided to fire at it.

But the captain had definite orders from the Admiralty that the war at sea was to be conducted in strict accordance with international law.

The British submarine, therefore, set about carrying out the procedure required of it under international law.

Signalled Bremen To Stop

In spite of the fact that enemy aircraft were known to be in the vicinity, it came to the surface and made a special signal by a daylight signalling lamp, "stop immediately."

The Bremen took no notice.

The commander of the submarine at once gave orders for his gun to be

loaded in order that a shot could be fired across the bows of the Bremen.

Not until this had been done could the British submarine legally take offensive action.

Even then, responsibility for making provision for the safety of the Bremen's crew would have devolved upon the submarine—a matter of impossibility under the circumstances.

Forced To Dive

A warning shot was never fired—a German aircraft appeared overhead and forced the submarine to dive.

In spite of being forced to dive by the aircraft, the submarine could easily have fired six torpedoes into the Bremen as she dove, for she was already on the attacking course, but the dictates of international law could not be complied with, and so the Bremen was allowed to proceed on her way unharmed.

The Admiralty statement adds, "That is the true story of the sinking of the Bremen by a British submarine."

It contrasts strongly with the reports which have been circulated by the German radio, which have not been substantiated by a single fact.

Sights German Fleet

Rather less than 24 hours after the Bremen had passed, the British submarine sighted a German battle-cruiser, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau and one pocket battleship with three cruisers in company.

Two of these new cruisers were new eight-inch gun ships, the Hipper and Blucher. The other was recognised as the Leipzig.

At first it appeared that the British submarine would be unable to do more than report the fact that the enemy was at sea, for the enemy ships were steering so that they would pass a long way from the submarine.

But as the submarine commander was giving up all hope of being able to attack, the enemy cruisers altered course so as to pass within torpedo range of the submarine.

Six Torpedoes Fired

A few minutes later, the sights of the unseen and unsuspected submarine came on.

She fired six torpedoes on slightly different courses.

It would have been an easy matter for her to have fired all torpedoes at one cruiser and thus make certain of sinking one ship, but she fired them at different angles, hoping thereby to disable more than one ship and thus do more towards provoking a fleet action, for which the British Navy is forever hoping.

The first torpedo hit the Leipzig. There was a pause of only a minute.

Two Others Find Mark

Then two other terrific explosions told that two other torpedoes had found their mark—almost certainly upon the second heavy cruiser of the Blucher class.

The other three torpedoes obviously passed between the enemy ships. The statement adds that the fact that there was no fleet action resulting in the annihilation of the German fleet was the fault of bad visibility and not of the submarine.

Huge Air Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOBENDER, Jutland, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Inhabitants of the outlying islands close to the German border reported that the biggest air battle of the war took place over the German air base on the island of Sylt between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to-day.

They said it was best visible from the island of Roem and that 14 bombs were dropped with unknown results.

A few minutes after 10 a.m. the anti-aircraft guns on Sylt began a heavy fire. A "swarm" of Messerschmitts went aloft but due to the misty weather no one was able to distinguish between German or British planes or see many of the details of the fight.

Apparently, the southern German island of Hecrum was also bombed during the course of the raid.

Carried 615 Men

The Nazi cruiser Leipzig, a 6,000-ton vessel, is a modified Königsberg type. She carried a complement of 615 men and was armed with nine 5.9-in. guns, six 3.5-in. A.A. guns and 12 other guns. She carried twelve 21-in. torpedo tubes and was equipped with two aircraft.

The cruiser was powered with Diesel engines of total of 12,000 h.p., and could steam at 32 knots. She had a cruising radius of approximately 7,000 miles. The Leipzig was laid down at Wilhelmshaven (in the yards in which the Admiral Graf Spee was built) on April 18, 1928 and was completed in 1931.

"Very Handy Craft"

H.M.S. Salmon, the British submarine which sank the Leipzig, was a small type vessel of only 670 tons, and carries only forty men. She is equipped with six 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Of the Swordfish type, Salmon is reputed to be a "very handy craft" and is capable of "crash-diving" in thirty seconds. She cost £230,000 to build, was begun on June 15, 1933 launched on April 30, 1934 and placed into service on Mediterranean Station on March 8, 1935.

ROOSEVELT ANXIOUS

Graf Spee Incident And Safety Zone

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt kept in close touch with the State Department from his Hyde Park home to-day, getting all the latest news concerning the Graf Spee and her scuttling.

It is pointed out here that the President is particularly concerned with the possible dangers to North and South American property, interest and lives caused by belligerent operations in the western hemisphere, and that the scuttling of the Graf Spee raises several important questions.

Possible Violation

At their recent conference, for instance, 21 American countries proclaimed a 300-miles safety zone with the intention of asking the belligerents to keep their naval engagements out of this area.

The question now arises: "Is the Graf Spee incident a violation of the spirit of this decision?"

After the proclamation of the safety zone, Mr. Sumner Welles, the U.S. Under Secretary of State, announced that the United States had no intention of sending its Navy out to enforce maintenance of the zone, but would like belligerent countries to recognise the existence of the area.

There is no speculation in White House quarters whether action seeking international observance of the area will be speeded up to prevent future incidents such as the Graf Spee scuttling.

Ships' Wireless Sets Ban

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Foreign ships in the territorial waters around the United Kingdom are now forbidden to use their wireless sets except when communicating with specific receiving stations in Britain.

Such communications must be carried out in English, French or international code.

Distress signals are, of course, exempt from this order.

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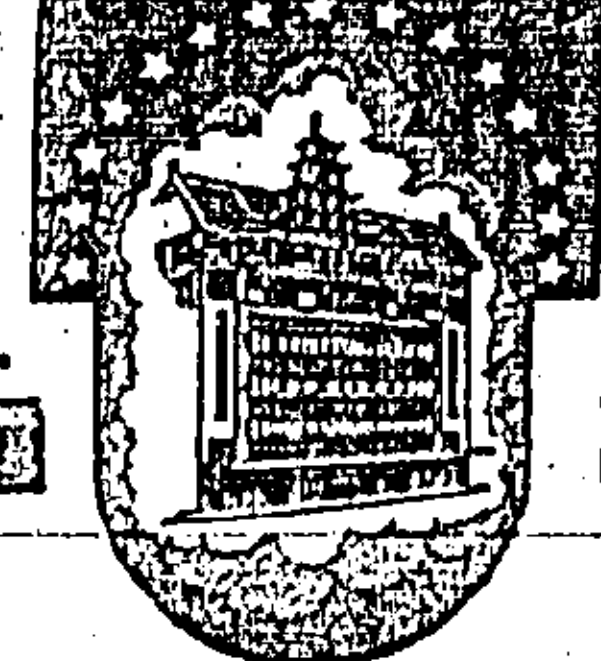
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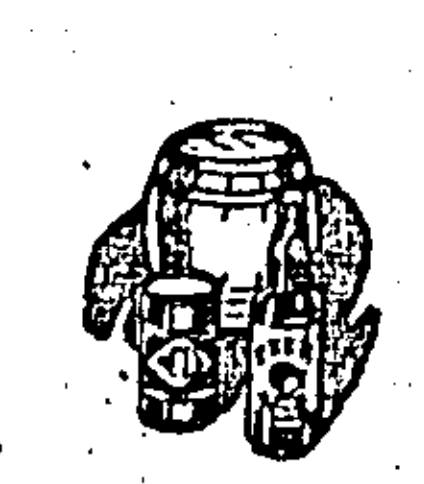
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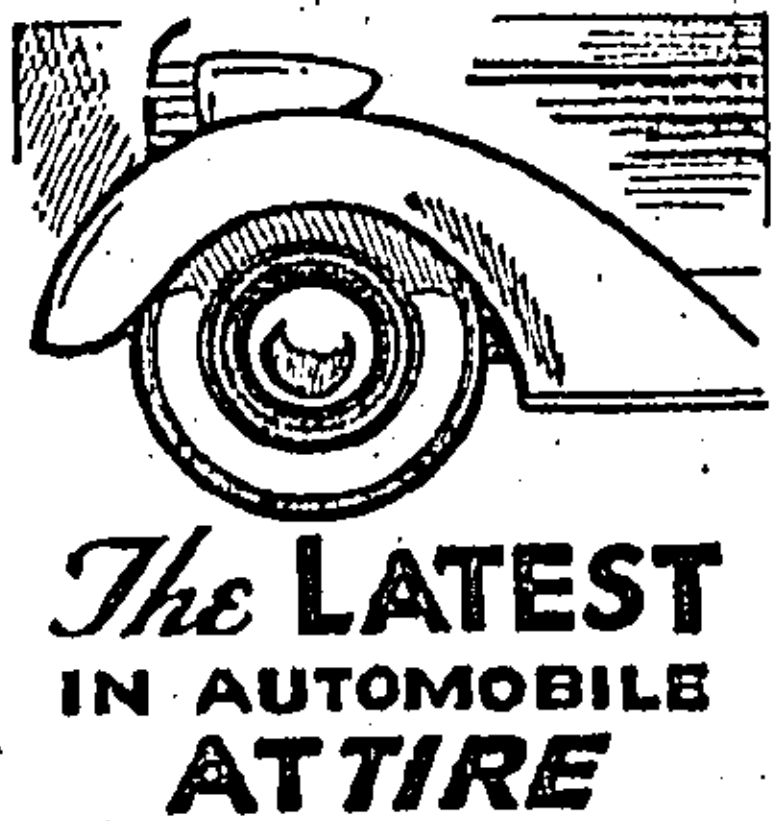


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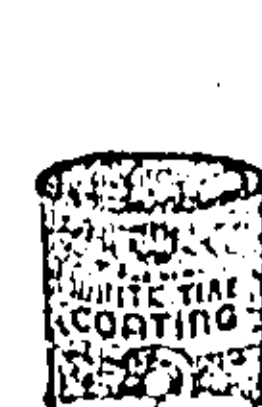
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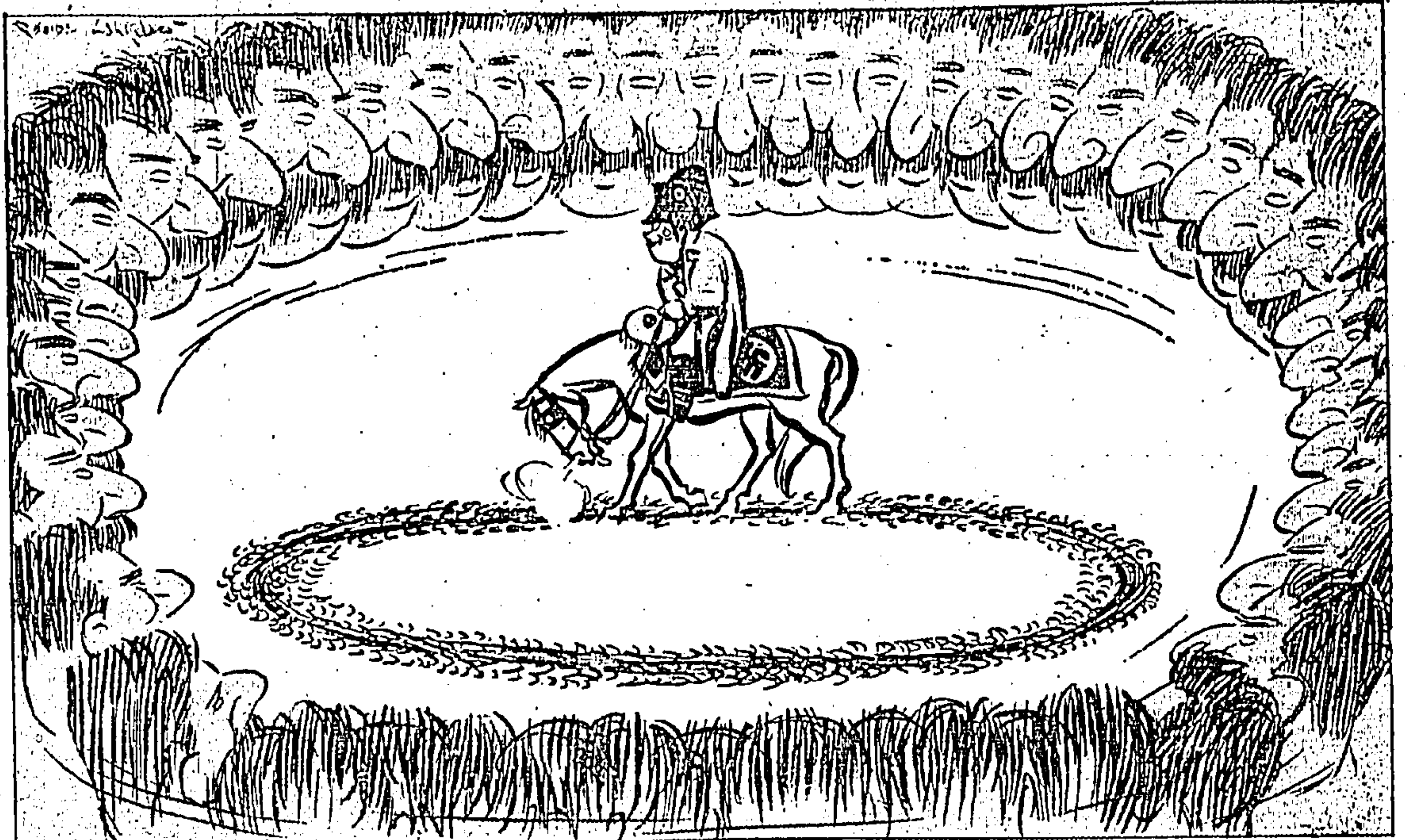
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German Home Front

In the last war the German
attitude to food rationing was very
much our own. It was approached
gradually after acute shortages and
unrest had appeared, and it became
more stringent as the war went on.
This time the German Government
has started from the other end. Food
rationing was brought in from the
start of the war and it has been
extended since. It is now on an
extremely elaborate scale. At the
same time there is an equally com-
plicated rationing of clothing. In
Britain the Government takes it as
a virtue that English people do not
have to put themselves to much in-
convenience to meet the needs of the
war and avoid rationing like the
plague. The Germans take the op-
posite standpoint. Their Govern-
ment boasts that it puts the screw on
hard at the beginning. Now, it
claims with pride, it is possible to
relax a little. This no doubt is the
consequence of the unexpected
course of the war; the German
counted no more than we did or
such a relatively inactive war, and it
is characteristic that they should at-
tribute the relaxations (such as they
are) to the superior courage of the
Führer's administrative measures
rather than to the unpredicted way
the war has developed.

It is important in estimating
German strength and weakness to
keep in mind the thoroughness of this
organisation on the home front.
Rationing is only one aspect of it.
The German worker has been com-
pelled to give up his eight-hour day
and is working a normal ten-hour
day at the same time rates. But he
is now to receive the concession that
his extra earnings are not to be
taken away from him by taxation
and that if, exceptionally, he does
work an eleven or twelve-hour day
he will get his overtime. Holi-
days were stopped, but are now to
be reintroduced. The ten-hour day
is to be sweetened by the general
establishment of works canteens and
by the giving of extra food allow-
ances through the factories, allow-
ances which will be used in the
main for the canteen meals. Extra
pay for night work was stopped but
is now to be given again. Women
are only exceptionally to work at
nights. Christmas-boxes are to re-
appear. Compulsion to work is only
to be applied "after the most careful
examination and in cases of ab-
solute necessity." It would do



THE RETREAT TO AND FROM MOSCOW

Hitler has lost, in the Admiral
Graf Spee, one of the most
valuable warships in his fleet.
What of the remainder? Will
they be as easy to trap as the
Admiral Graf Spee? Has Hitler
many such ships? These topical
questions are answered below.

HITLER is trying to con-
vince the world that
Germany is a great
naval Power. His propa-
gandists have claimed that Ger-
many now commands the North
Sea.

More likely than not Hitler's
boast is a hope for the future. Just
as he described the Siegfried Line
as invincible long before there were
more than half-a-dozen machine-
gun nests ready, so he relies on
four or five 35,000-ton battleships
which were laid down in Hamburg,
Kiel and Wilhelmshaven in 1937
and 1938. They were scheduled to
be completed in 1941-42. They may
be ready sooner.

For the time being Germany's
biggest battleship is the Scharn-
horst, of 23,000 tons with nine 11in.
and twelve 5.9in. guns, thirty A.A.
guns, four aircraft and two catap-
ults.

The Scharnhorst is certainly a
formidable vessel. But so was her
sister ship, the Gneisenau, which
was certainly seriously damaged,
and may have been sunk outright,
in the British air raid on Wilhelmshaven.

There are, of course, better and
more carefully built German war-
ships. With the construction of
these ships Hitler and his Nazis
had little to do. They were planned
and laid down before he came to
power. They are known as Ger-
many's pocket-battleships, the
Deutschland, the Admiral Scheer,
and the Admiral Graf Spee.

Only two of these remarkably
efficient ships of 10,000 tons now
remain. One the Deutschland,
is known to be at sea. The
Admiral Graf Spee is destroyed.
No one knows where the Ad-
miral Scheer is at present.

Their captains and crews can
hardly be proud of the tasks to
which Hitler put them in the past.
The Deutschland was sent to
Spain during the Civil War. She
had no business there and Hitler is
the only one to blame because a
Spanish plane bombed her by mis-
take, killing twenty of the crew
and wounding seventy.

Hitler's revenge for this mishap
was a typical example of frightful-
ness. He sent the Admiral Scheer
to bombard the defenceless Span-
ish town Almeria. Almeria was
destroyed. Innocent women and
children were killed. The world
was shocked.

The Deutschland encountered
the British Navy before this war
began. During the crisis in May
she made suspicious moves in the
Mediterranean. The British battle-
ship Hood never left her until she
reached German waters.

The third of the group—Admiral
Graf Spee—was a typical example of
dangerous to assume that these mea-
sures of control on the home front
are so stiff that the German workers
must be driven inevitably towards
revolt. It would be a wiser judg-
ment to note them as examples of the
energy with which Germany is
throwing her organized strength into
the war. And although her methods
may not be ours her energy and fore-
sight are something we should be
willing to despise.

by Willi
FRISCHAUER

Graf Spee—was one of the last
German warships to visit a British
port. She attended the Coronation
Naval Review in 1937.

The rest of Hitler's fleet cannot
compare with the British Navy.
The Nuernberg and the Leipzig,
both of 6,000 tons, are his two out-
standing cruisers.

With the Koenigsberg, model
for another class of German war-
ships, she visited Portsmouth a few
years ago. The Koenigsberg, how-
ever, does not always wait for an
invitation. She gave a crash in the
British naval and air manoeuvres
off the East Coast in 1938.

A little smaller, but highly effi-
cient too, is the Emden, 5,400 tons
with eight 5.9in. guns and four tor-
pedo tubes, namesake of the Ger-
man raider which made her name
during the Great War.

I could tell you about many
other Nazi ships: about the Koenig,
which was on a world-cruise when
Hitler came to power and was the
first German ship to be greeted by

the Fuehrer; about the Schleswig,
which is only a training ship, built
in 1900, but is put to sea as a war-
ship like her sister-ship Schleswig
Holstein.

Soon there may be a number of
new German warships ready, bigger
than all those mentioned. The
Bluecher and the Admiral Hipper
were on the Nazis' 1938 programme.
The Prinz Eugen was launched
only recently.

There are also destroyers of a
smaller size—the D. von Roeder
class and the Maass class—tor-
pedo boats, most of them built in
1920. depot-ships, mine-sweepers,
escort and patrol vessels and ten-
ders. Two aircraft-carriers, each
for 40 aircraft, are being built.

The most difficult craft in the
Nazi Navy to assess are the sub-
marines. There were 15 ocean going
submarines when the war started.
The total number of German sub-
marines was roughly 60.

More than 20 of them were sunk
by the British and French Navies
within seven weeks. Twenty had to
return to their home bases for re-
pairs. The rest are still at large.

But there will not be many Nazi
submarines to bring Hitler any
good news for Christmas.

...and who are his soldiers?

SOME Tories in this country—
seven perhaps some of those
who rule us—would like to see
the old "military masters" of Ger-
many return to their full power.

Certainly, any sane man could
well prefer the narrow and brutal,
but honourable and dutiful, tradi-
tions of the Prussian officer class.

But a book published to-day,
The German Army, by Herbert
Rosinski (Hogarth Press, 12s. 6d.),
reveals, with terrible precision, the
decay and death of that old tradi-
tion, and the emergence of men in
the leadership of the German
army whose fate it is to be domi-
nated and destroyed by the criminal
tyranny they helped to fasten on
their country.

Dr. Herbert Rosinski was until re-
cently an instructor in the theory of
warfare at a German Staff College; he
is an admirer of "the real aristocratic
tradition" that used to rule the
German officer class. It is because he
holds to this tradition that he is a
refugee.

From the inside, as the personal
acquaintance of generals, and a trusted
official of the War Ministry not only
before Hitler's access to power, but for
three years after it, he tells a story of
intrigue, reaction, selfishness and
murder.

be their agent in the petty politics of
Munich beer-halls. Now they tried to
make him, in Dr. Rosinski's words, "a
political cover to camouflage both the
rearmament and the military dictator-
ship" that they desired.

These officers thought of themselves
as the "real dictators" behind the
Nazi dictatorship. Whenever a dis-
pute arose between themselves and
Hitler, they referred the question to
old Von Hindenburg, the President.

By that means, for example, they
got General von Fritsch appointed
Chief of the Army Command against
Hitler's wishes. Fritsch blocked
Hitler's plans for amalgamating the
army and the Storm Troops.

Then Hindenburg was known to be
dying. Who would now arbitrate?
They planned to get Hitler completely
in their power by forcing him to
murder his own friends, the so-called
revolutionary wing of his party.

For weeks they haggled in secret
over the lists of those to be assassi-
nated. Hitler accepted their terms.
He murdered Roehm, his personal
friend; had thousands of others shot.
But Hitler, by taking old Von Hinden-
burg's place, and by using the Gestapo
and the S.S. to control the army, be-
came the General's master, not their
tool.

The men who had haggled with him
over names for death in 1934 were
Von Blomberg and Fritsch, then ill-
powerful in the Army. Today Von
Blomberg is in prison. Fritsch was
killed in mysterious circumstances.
The other leaders of the German
Army have step by step surrendered to
Nazism. They cannot now escape.
T. W.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1889.
The prisoner who escaped from the
chain-gang at Kennedytown in June
last year pleaded guilty. He was serv-
ing ten years imprisonment, com-
mencing in 1883, at the time, and was
ordered to complete his sentence and
afterwards undergo two years' further
imprisonment.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1914.
It is officially announced that, in view
of the state of war arising from the
action of Turkey, Egypt will henceforth
constitute a British Protectorate. The
sovereignty of Turkey is thus terminated.
The British Government will adopt all
measures necessary for the defence of
Egypt and the protection of the in-
habitants.

Although it is not to be expected that
motion pictures can be secured which
show scenes of actual fighting in
Europe, it is satisfactory to know that
the cinematograph is placing on record
incidents in the great crisis which will
not only prove of much interest in
years to come but which have, of
course, great attraction at the present
time. Cinematography has reached a
wonderful scientific pitch and its pos-
sibilities appear to be unlimited. It is
a form of entertainment which requires
no aid to ensure its general apprecia-
tion, whether to interest, instruct or
amuse; animated photography is ever
obliging.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1929.
Saying that all who had given earnest
consideration to British naval needs
viewed the proposed reduction of
cruiser tonnage with apprehension, Earl
Beatty, one of Britain's foremost naval
commanders in the Great War, issued
a warning against precipitate naval dis-
armament, in the House of Lords yester-
day. He declared that Britain was
approaching the London Naval Confer-
ence with figures representing a danger-
ous minimum in cruisers. The advent
of a German 10,000-ton warship, so fast
and powerfully armed that a battle-
cruiser was the only effective counter,
was mentioned during the discussion.

February, 1930, will see a complete
change in the telephone exchange sys-
tem of Hongkong. Then the automatic
will supersede the present system.

There are many blocks of new
Chinese houses being built on the new
Praya reclamation, and also in other
parts of the Colony. It is a disgrace
to allow some of these houses to be
built in the way they are.

In view of the widespread disappoint-
ment felt that Hongkong did not this
year compete in the Interport Rifle
Shoot, Mr. C. H. Summers, the late
Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle League,
and others approached Mr. B. Wylie
with a view to calling a meeting of
those previously connected with the
League at which the question of re-
constituting the League and making ar-
rangements for future interport events
could be discussed.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1934.
In the presence of the Emperor, the
Japanese Privy Council plenary session
to-day unanimously approved Japan's
decision to abrogate the Washington
Treaty.

Further restrictions on the supply of
water on the island are to come into
force as from Friday. The revised
hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to
11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ex-
ception is not affected by the curtailment.

New Effort To Placate Third Powers In The Orient

JAPAN TO OPEN OTHER CHINA RIVERS AS WELL AS YANGTSE

Vatican Concession To China Catholics

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuters).—The Vatican has extended to the Catholics of China the permission granted some years ago to the Catholics of Japan and Manchuria to participate in certain non-Catholic rites.

It is stated that rites like bowing to the statues and reliefs of Confucius are an expression of patriotism, and in them Catholics may conform with general usage.

The instruction also abolishes the special oath which missionaries and priests in China formerly had to take by order of Benedict XIV of obedience to the Holy See.

U.S. Press Hails China's War Feats

BUT WAR FRONT NEWS CONFLICTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

DESPITE the events of the last few days in connection with the war in Europe, American public opinion has taken cognizance of the Chinese claims of success in the fight against the Japanese aggression.

In an editorial entitled "Chinese Make Progress," the "New York Post" yesterday said that the focussing of public attention on the European war has obscured for some the major achievements of the Chinese troops, including the recapture of Puki and the sinking of a Japanese warship in the Yangtse.

"The Japanese military machine seems to be bogged down as never before in the long Chinese stalemate," the editorial went on, according to a "United Press" message.

The editorial also urged the United States to bring their enormous leverage to bear "to bring about a decent settlement in the Far East."

"The onus rests upon this country, for we are also exclusively arming the aggressor," the paper concluded.

China War Reports

Meanwhile, in China itself, reports from the various fronts vary, both the Chinese and Japanese claiming signal successes.

In reply to the Japanese allegation that the Chinese had started their winter offensive, a Chinese military spokesman denied this and told the "United Press" that the time is not yet ripe for a general offensive.

However, he said that the Chinese launched attacks when the Japanese were shifting three divisions from North to Central China.

He claimed that the Japanese are panic-stricken and are attacking an exaggerated importance to the reported offensive.

Weakness Exposed

"Central News" messages state that the recent assaults made by the Chinese on various fronts were intended to harass the Japanese and to give them no chance for replacement.

The Japanese weakness, a spokesman says, has been exposed as a result of these Chinese attacks. At many points the Japanese failed to put up any resistance, and quite a few Japanese officers and men have surrendered, it is claimed.

Japanese Claims

On the other hand, "Domei" reports state that Japanese forces have taken the initiative in the field operations on all fronts, and that the Chinese attempts at counter-attacks have suffered bitter reverses.

Rapidly gaining momentum, the fresh Japanese offensive in the mountainous region east of Yichang and Chongqing in South Shensi is nearing its final stage as the so-called Chinese "winter offensive" is severely hitting back on the remoter Chinese cities, states a "Domei" report from Chungking.

The report alleges that about 1,000 Chinese troops were defeated by a Japanese detachment at Lunzutsun on Saturday, while another detachment dislodged the Chinese troops from Kwanchung.

Kwangsi Lull Broken

In the South, the lull in Kwangsi was broken yesterday morning by a Chinese attack against the Japanese front-lines at Kunlungwan on the Nanning-Pingyang highway, according to a "Central News" report from the Kwangsi front.

The Chinese claim that they recaptured Kunlungwan at 11.20 a.m. Japanese aircraft, which had been inactive for the last few days, swung into action again following the Chinese recapture of Kunlungwan.

JAPANESE WARSHIP ROB JUNK

The report of a seizure of a Chinese junk's cargo by the Japanese Navy in Chinese waters in September, has been made to the Police by Lam Kiang, master of the vessel.

The junk, carrying a cargo valued at \$9,500, was off Lin Tin Island on September 22, when a Japanese destroyer No. 17 was anchored. The destroyer approached and opened fire on the junk, which was towed to the Japanese ship. It drew along, cargo was transferred to the destroyer, and two Japanese destroyers, after which both Japanese destroyers sailed towards Sze Kiu.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (Domei).—Not only is the Yangtse to be reopened by degrees to foreign Powers, but the Japanese Government is contemplating gradual relaxation in the restrictions on other rivers in China declared the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, during his interview with the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew.

Admiral Nomura stressed the fact that steps taken by the Japanese authorities for the reopening of the Yangtse are prompted by a desire further to clarify Japan's sincere intentions regarding the reconstruction of China.

The Foreign Minister emphasised that the Yangtse will be reopened despite considerable sacrifices entailed by the Japanese.

Admiral Nomura stressed the importance of peace in the Orient as an essential condition of world peace, and he reiterated Japan's desire for good neighbourliness between the two Powers facing each other across the Pacific.

To Pay Indemnities

Mr. Joseph Grew was also given an assurance that Japan is ready to pay reasonable indemnities for losses which have been sustained by American interests in the course of the China war.

In reply, Mr. Grew expressed the opinion that the Japan propositions conformed to what the American Government and people had hitherto anticipated.

Reactions Awaited

Japanese circles are eagerly awaiting American reactions, both official and public, to the latest Nomura-Grew talks.

Some circles understand that the Foreign Minister expects to bring the preliminary negotiations to an adjustment of American-Japanese relations to a definite conclusion before Christmas.

Later to-day, Admiral Nomura made a statement at a second conference between Government leaders of political parties.

He pointed out that relations with the Soviet Union are making favourable progress, this being an outcome of the Nomonhan agreement.

Referring to American-Japanese relations, he said that he believed that would make a turn for the better in view of the prospective negotiations.

London Pleased

A London message says that political and financial circles there welcome the Japanese announcement for the reopening of the Yangtse. It is regarded that this move will make a big contribution towards restoration of peace in the Far East.

Official circles hint that in the event of the Yangtse reopening, it is bound to have a good effect on Anglo-Japanese trading relations.

American newspapers, says a New York report, feature the Japanese announcement. They point out that it marks the first tangible result of the recent conversations in Tokyo between the Japanese Foreign Minister and the American Ambassador.

Political observers point out that Japan in the past has emphasised the minimum obligations with regard to losses caused to third Power interests. The present announcement, it is believed, shows a definite step forward towards better guarantees for the future.

Intentions Indicated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, today disclosed that the United States Government is closely following the reports of the opening of the Yangtze River. He said that the United States is awaiting further information.

He added that he had already been officially informed of the Japanese intention to open the river but, according to available official data, the Yangtze has not yet been effectively opened. Developments thus far merely indicated the Japanese intention.

A correspondent cited press reports from Shanghai that businessmen there were not jubilant over the Yangtze report since they believe that exchange and port restrictions effectively prevent non-Japanese trade along the Yangtze. Mr. Hull said that he was, as yet, only hoping that the Yangtze would be opened, but he would prefer to await the actual opening of the river based on official reports.

He said the Japanese Government had officially expressed their intention of re-opening the river.

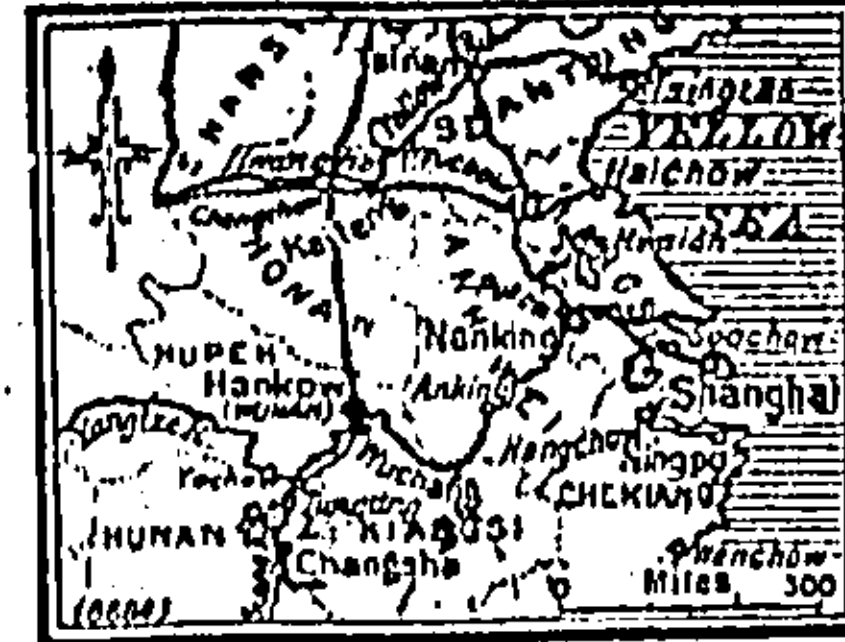
Interport Footballer Is Robbed

Leung Wing-chiu, well-known South China A.A. footballer, was robbed of his pocket watch, valued at \$75, when walking in Queen's Road Central on Sunday.

The thief, Kwan Yim, 17, was chased and arrested by Leung and appeared before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sgt. Forrest said Kwan came between Leung and a friend with whom he was walking, and took the watch from his waistcoat pocket.

Kwan, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for imprisonment.



THE YANGTSE AREA

Mine Is Destroyed Near H.K.

Sub-Lt. L. P. Ralph, of the Hong-kong Naval Volunteer Reserve, reported to the Police yesterday that while on patrol in a launch off Cheung Chau on Saturday, he sighted a drifting mine. The mine was destroyed by Lewis-gun fire.

Commander-In-Chief At Memorial Service

Attended by more than 300 officers and men of the China Station including the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Percy and Lady Noble, a Memorial Service in commemoration of Lieut. Commander R. C. A. White and officers and men of H.M.S. Duchess was held in St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m. today.

The service was conducted by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of St. John's Cathedral assisted by H.M. Dockyard Chaplain D. V. Edwards and the Rev. A. Wragg of H.M.S. Liverpool.

Among those present were Commodore A. M. Peters, Captain S. H. Batty-Smith representing His Excellency, the Governor, Brigadier A. B. Thompson representing His Excellency the G.O.C. Major-General A. E. Grasett, Colonel A. C. Neville, Colonel G. C. Gowlan, Colonel J. T. Simson and Major R. E. Moody.

The lesson was read by Admiral Noble.

Wreaths were placed on the altar from the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, the Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Thetis, the Ship's Company, H.M.S. Thetis and from Officers and Men of the ships and naval establishments, China Station, the G.O.C. Major-General A. E. Grasett, Colonel A. C. Neville, Colonel G. C. Gowlan, Colonel J. T. Simson and Major R. E. Moody.

At the close of the service the wreaths were placed on the War Memorial outside the Cathedral.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO PASS FORGED \$500 NOTE

An ingenious attempt to deprive a firewood dealer of 99 tins of red dye by uttering a forged \$500 as part payment was alleged to have been perpetrated by Chong Pak-chung, 33, unemployed, when he was charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions this morning with uttering and possession of the note and with larceny of the dye by means of a trick.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. The following comprised the Jury: Messrs E. A. Bompas (Foreman), Four Tak-ming, Yeh Chong-sien, Chung Ming-liang, Chan Hung-cho, S. N. B. Shroff and M. M. Lam.

According to Mr. Abbott, the victim was Ma Chung-pun, owner of a firewood shop in Kun Chung Street, Kowloon. On September 17, Ma bought 99 tins of red dye for \$477, with a view to making some extra money because of the present situation.

After purchasing the goods, he told a fellow-tenant named Shiu Ping that he was looking for a buyer. Shiu had a frequent caller named Leung, who on being informed of the matter, said he would introduce Ma to a purchaser named Cheung on condition that he was to receive five per cent. commission. This was agreed and on November 15 Ma was introduced to Cheung who, in turn, said he would get a buyer. The following day Ma, Leung and Cheung went to a tea house in Jordan Road, where Chong appeared and, following a discussion, the price was finally agreed at \$1,189.20.

Suspicious Aroused

Two days later, Leung and Chong went to Kun Chung Street in a taxi and the goods were taken out for their inspection. After they had done so and having expressed their satisfaction about the quality, they began to take the goods into the taxi. Ma noted that the money had not yet been paid, whereupon Chong took him to one side of the shop, saying he would produce it at once. He went through the matter of finding money but none was produced.

Ma's suspicions were aroused and on turning round he saw the car on the move with Leung inside. He gave chase but failed to catch up, and on returning to the shop he found Chong in the custody of his brother. Chong was again asked for the money and he said he had only \$500 with him. Whereupon he produced the note, which was examined on the spot and found to be a forgery. It was returned to Chong, who immediately pocketed it and then began to bluster and complain that he was not being paid, saying he was buying the goods on behalf of a man named Li Ngai.

Denied Charge

Chong then requested that he be allowed to write a note to a man named Li whom he said was his employer. His request was complied with, but when Li went to the address Chong gave, Li could not be found. Eventually, the Police were informed.

When formally charged, Chong denied having uttered the note, adding that he did not know whether it was genuine or forged as it was an old one. As regards the larceny charge, he said he was buying the goods on behalf of a man named Li Ngai.

The case is proceeding.

Air Training In Dominions

Co-operation Within Commonwealth

LONDON, Dec. 18 (British Wireless).—In an announcement regarding the Dominion Air Training Scheme signed at Ottawa yesterday, the Air Ministry recalls that its object was the establishment of additional training schools in the Dominions possessing the advantages of space and climate as well as virtual immunity from enemy interference.

This proposal for achieving an overwhelming air superiority has met with an enthusiastic response and missions from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand have proceeded to Canada where an agreement was quickly reached.

The bulk of the aircraft will be provided by the United Kingdom, but each Dominion will contribute in an increasing extent from its own resources.

A supervisory board is being established in Canada which will administer the Scheme and report there to their own governments and have charge of thousands of young men from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and United Kingdom, who will be training together.

Mass Raids By Japanese

62 Aircraft Bomb Yangtse Cities

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Reuters).—For the first time in nearly one month, the air raid alarm was sounded here this morning when 62 Japanese aircraft headed up the river from Hankow flying in two groups.

The Japanese bombers were preceded by a lone scouting aeroplane which crossed the Szechuen border cruising in the vicinity of Wanhsien before returning down the river.

Laifeng, Liangshan Attacked. The first group of Japanese bombers passed Yuyang and bombed Laifeng, near the Hupei-Hunan border, according to Chinese reports.

The second group of 26 Japanese planes entered Szechuen and, it is reported, bombed Liangshan, north-east of Chungking and west of Wanhsien.

It is learned that 36 Japanese bombers also attempted to come up the river yesterday morning but turned back at Shasi in view of the bad weather conditions.

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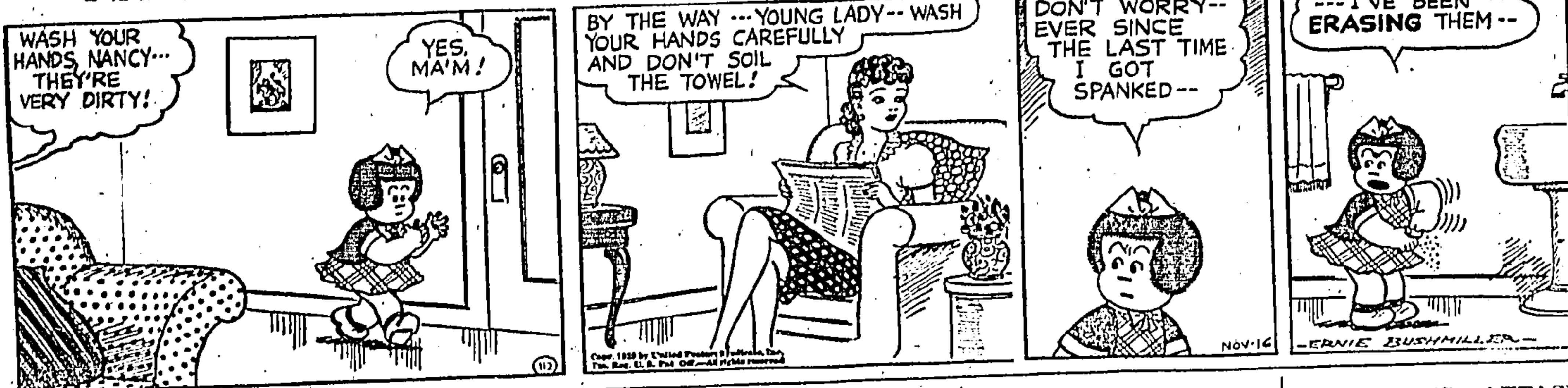
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GRAPHIC STORY BY GRAF SPEE CAPTAIN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Wilhelmstrasse to-day for the loss of the Graf Spee, according to Berlin despatches. News of the scuttling caused pain and bewilderment in Germany, for no body knows why it happened. When they read an eight-line announcement in the morning papers, the people remembered the triumphal parading of the previous three days and wondered what had happened meantime as they had been led to expect that the Graf Spee would at least put up a fight. Many just shrugged and said: "We suppose the Fuehrer must be right."

One of the arguments advanced in political circles against interest in that two of the Graf Spee's sister-ships are still in action. Hence it would not be very desirable to expose her to prying eyes in a neutral harbor.

Sour Grapes

Some German circles adopt the attitude that anyway it is not battleships that are important in this war.

Many morning journals were overtaken by events and still had articles scolding at the British attempt to turn the fight into a victory, but no German papers hinted that the Ark Royal is waiting in South America. Officially the Ark Royal is at the bottom of the sea as far as Germany is concerned.

There is much indignation in Berlin against Uruguay who, it is alleged, under British pressure contravened international law.

The fact that the German accounts claimed that the warship was practically undamaged when she sailed into harbour is now forgotten.

"Bled To Death?"—By running to shelter, the Admiral Graf Spee showed that she was more seriously damaged by the British cruisers than appeared on the surface, says the naval observer of the B.B.C. in a talk from Daventry last night.

"She was probably badly damaged inside—like a man who suffers an internal wound in a motor car accident and who dies a few days later after outwardly appearing to be recovered."

"One cannot say that this was the case for certain, but there seems to be no other logical reason for the scuttling of the 'pocket battleship' without even attempting to put up a fight."

"The Prussian ideal has always been that an officer only surrendered to the enemy if out-manoeuvred and in no position to damage the enemy without a fight for it."

"The German 'pocket battleship' is a curious craft and in its way a marvellous piece of mechanism."

Sacrifices Made—A crew, and provisions that should rightly be carried only by ships of twice her displacement.

"But sacrifices must be made somewhere and in the 'pocket battleship' the weight has been sacrificed."

"Inside, a normal warship is built to stand the stresses and strains not only of weather and armament but of also being hit by shells."

"The Graf Spee had to sacrifice this."

Speaking of the feat of two 6-in. gun cruisers attacking a 11-in. 'pocket battleship' the B.B.C. observer points out that not only did they engage the Graf Spee but they defeated her.

Go Down in History—"Far from beating off the two British ships with her heavier guns, the two cruisers chased the Graf Spee for hours."

"That phase of the battle will go down in history. It was a superb example of the use of tactics and superior speed."

"The British cruisers attacked the German ship from two separate directions, so that she had to disperse her fire and was unable to concentrate her entire broadside on any one of them."

1,000 MEN INTERNED (Continued from Page 1.)

peared to be between the ages of 18 and 21. They obeyed the orders with marked discipline and chatted with each other. All showed the effects of their experience; their uniforms were soiled, and they were unshaven and unkempt.

"Don't Bother Me"—Captain Langsdorf told the "United Press" correspondent: "I am satisfied. I saved all of my men."

The correspondent asked if there was anything else the Captain would like to say, and Captain Langsdorf replied: "I have nothing else to say, old man. I have not had any rest since last night. Please be nice. Don't bother me."

GERMAN RAIDS (Continued from Page 1.)

Tuscan Star with machine-guns, without causing any casualties. "Royal Air Force aircraft engaged the enemy in falling light, fiery a

65 PLANES ATTACK NAZI NAVAL BASES

(Continued from Page 1.)

man border, witnessed the biggest aerial battle of the day.

The dog-fight took place over the German naval base on the island of Sylt, and lasted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fourteen bombs were dropped by the British planes, the detonations being plainly audible on the island of Reem. The inhabitants could not say what results were scored.

"A swarm of Messerschmitts went aloft to give battle to the British raiders, an inhabitant of Reem Island told "United Press."

"We could see the battle in progress, but, due to the heavy mist, could not distinguish between British and German planes."

65 British Planes Take Part In addition to bombing Wilhelmshaven and Sylt, the R.A.F. bombed the naval base on Hootum Island. The Air Ministry's official communique states: "Approximately 65 Royal Air Force bombers launched aerial attacks on German Naval Bases to-day."

In addition to bombing naval bases in Heligoland Bight, the R.A.F. machines attacked other German coastal bases."

"Twelve German Messerschmitt 'stump' planes were shot down in encounters."

"Seven British machines have so far failed to return to their bases."

Severe Air Fight

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—It is learned unofficially that a severe aerial engagement occurred off the northwest German coast.

A bulletin is in the course of preparation. Meantime it is learned that reports from Germany are grossly exaggerated, both as regards the numbers engaged and casualties.

Big Air Battle LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communique issued at 6.50 p.m. to-day, states that a bomber formation of the Air Force reconnoitred the Heligoland Bight area with the object of attacking any enemy warships found at sea.

No warships were encountered at sea, but the bombers met strong fighter forces.

Fierce fighting ensued and 12 Messerschmitts were shot down while seven of our bombers are at present unaccounted for.

German Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Dome).—An informal German announcement to-day claims that the biggest mid-air battle in the current war took place over the North Sea for two hours this afternoon between British bombers and German fighters.

The announcement says that about 2.30 p.m. 44 British bombers of the newest types encountered German fighters of the Messerschmitt type over Heligoland Island and North Frisian Islands.

In the major aerial engagements that ensued, 34 British planes were shot down, while two German planes were lost, the German announcement alleges.

100 Planes in Duel LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Yesterday's aerial clash between R.A.F. bombers and German fighter planes in the Heligoland Bight area is described by observers as the biggest battle of the war and comparable to a major aerial battle of the latter stages of the 1914-18 war.

It is stated that nearly a hundred planes took part in the battle, which raged for two hours over a wide area.

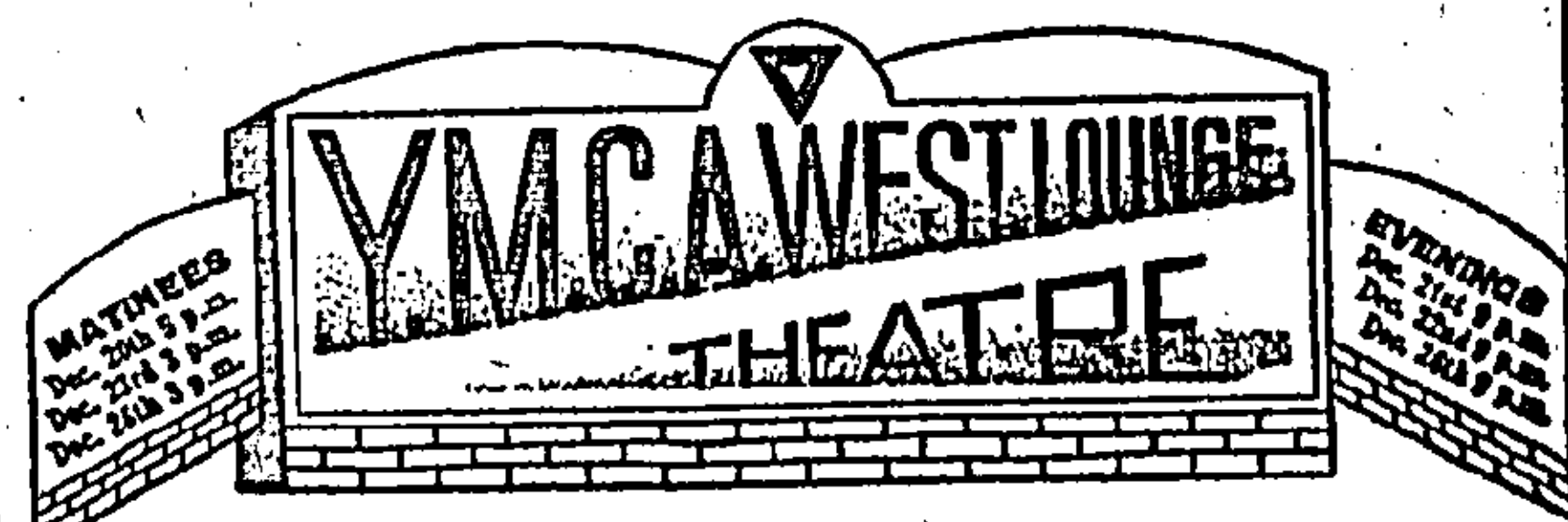
About forty planes were British bombers. The Germans are putting out fantastic claims, but the Air Ministry confirms its earlier reports that only seven R.A.F. planes were lost and that twelve Messerschmitts were brought down.

The British bombers are described as an ultra-modern type and were engaged in fierce duels against repeated attacks by the Messerschmitt fighters.

The wreckage of many planes and the bodies of dead aviators have been washed ashore on the German coast, while two of the crew of a British bomber have been picked up by a German boat.

It is emphasized in London that the British bombers carried out their mission to the complete satisfaction of the Air Ministry.

Not only were many photographs taken of the German naval bases but bombs were dropped at Wilhelmshaven. The results from the latter are not known.

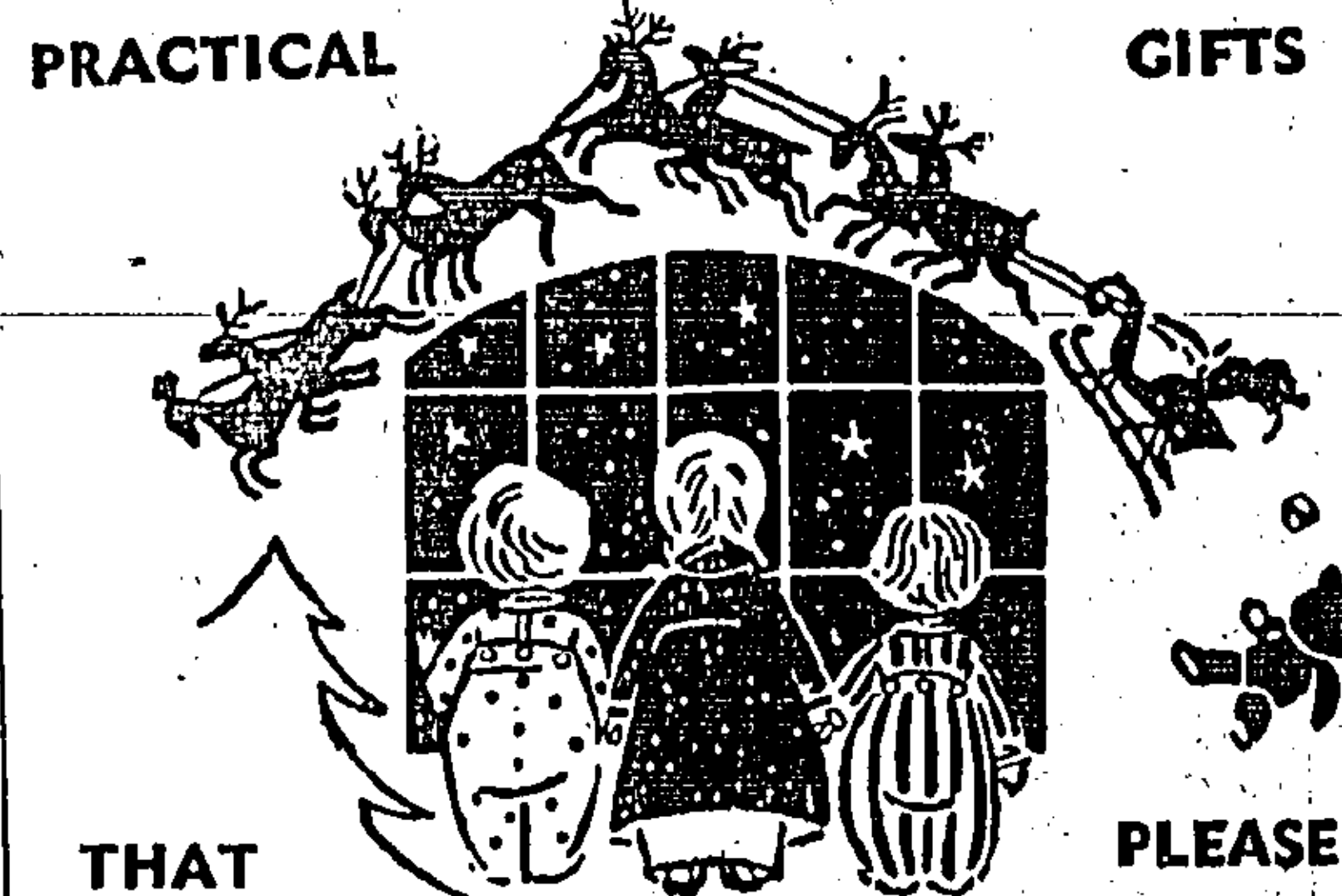


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number of rounds at them and inflicting damage before they disappeared into the clouds. Trawlers Sunk LONDON, Dec. 18 (British Wire).—The Admiralty announced this evening: "H. M. trawlers Evelyn and Sedgely are overdue and must be presumed to have been sunk." Twenty-five names of members of the crews are published as missing and believed killed.

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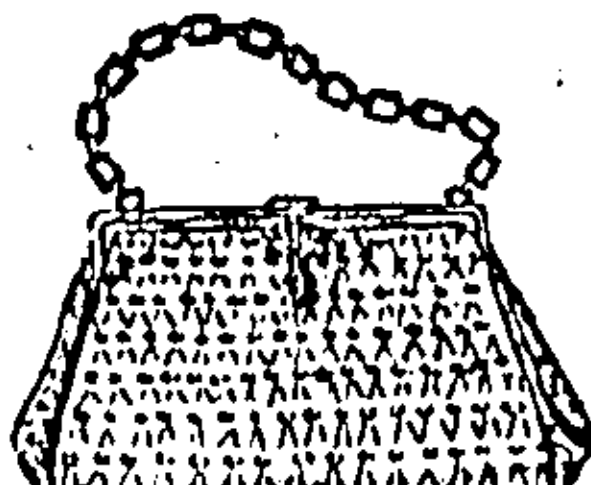
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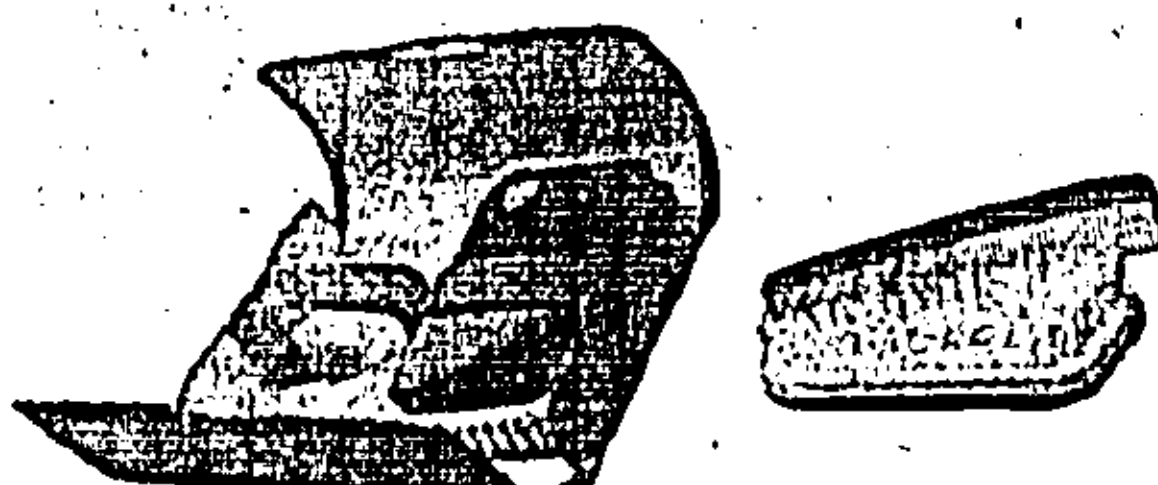
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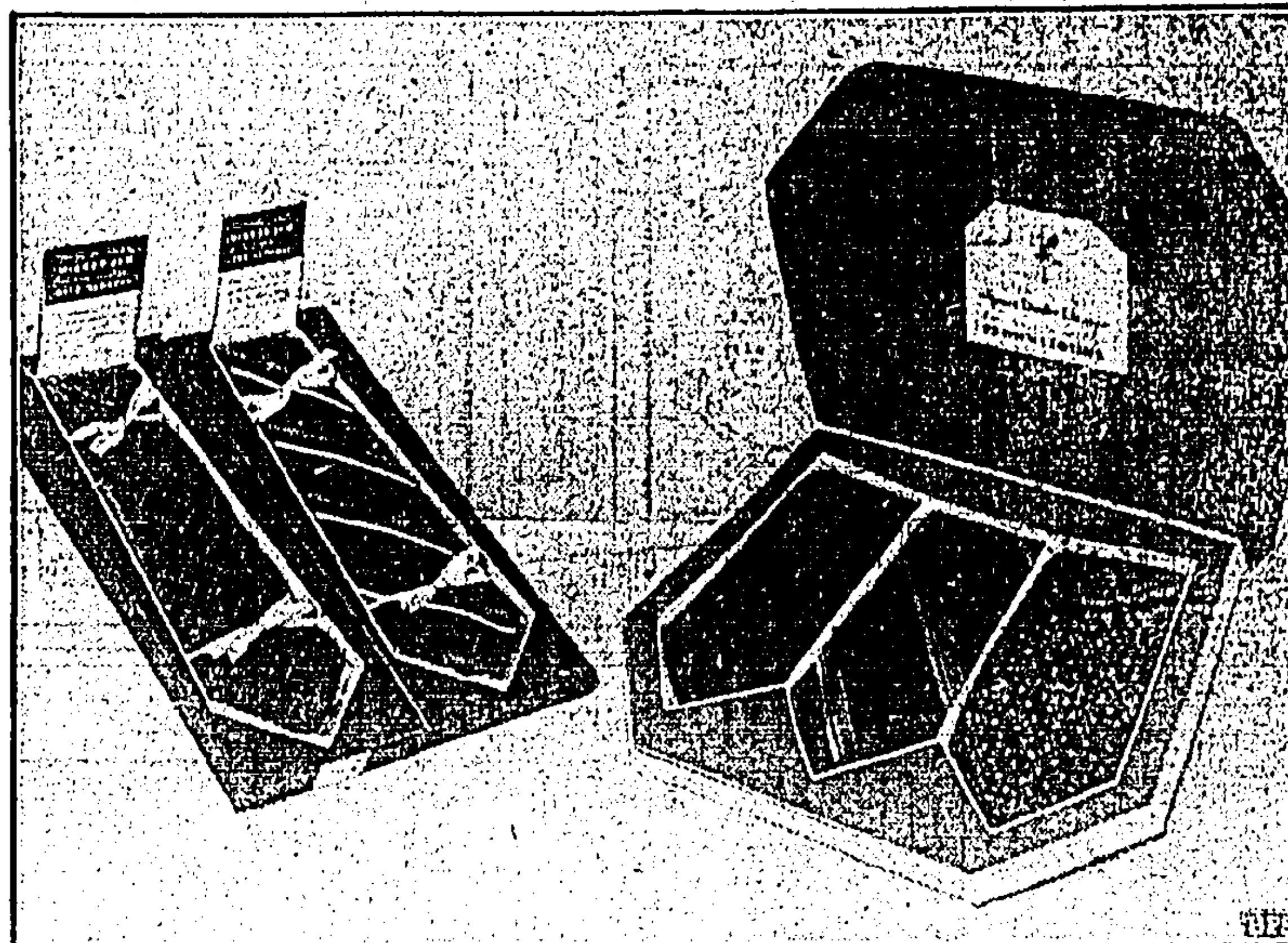
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Here's How to Pick a Tie A Man Will Really Wear.

By BARCLAY SWAIN

There are probably more women buying ties for men this time of the year and falling down on the job, than at any other time. The Christmas tie lines up with the mother-in-law jokes and the rest of the poor gags. One of the larger manufacturers, anticipating such trouble, has turned out ties in preplanned sets to go with the three predominant suit colours—grey, blue and brown. Millady simply thinks of which suit her beau likes best, picks out a boxed set of two or three ties to match it and is certain he won't surreptitiously hand any neckwear to the ash man.

Generally speaking, here are the rules for ties. With grey suits, maroon and blue ties harmonise. The former to be worn with grey shirts the latter with blue.

With blue suits the choice is rather restricted. With a light blue shirt the following go well: medium blue tie with soft blue figures, dark blue tie with red or light blue figures and dark red tie with dark blue figures. With a light grey shirt blue and grey ties may be worn.

Avoid Blue With Brown

With brown suits, beware of blue ties and most red ones. With a cream or tan shirt select a tie of reddish brown ground with a touch of copper or cream. With a green shirt wear a dark green tie with touches of light green or cream. Generally speaking, the rule is this: never wear a tie either in harmonious or contrast with background which does not contain at least one element which blends with either the suit or the shirt.

So much for colour, now for pattern. There are three basic types. The widely spaced pattern, the neat all-over design and the stripes. The widely spaced type goes well with a closely striped shirt as does the neat all-over design. The bold striped patterns are good on solid colour ground shirts. And if you like wild shirts, better stick to solid colour ties when wearing them.

Wool Still King for Sports

Wool ties are good for sports, the rough tweed weave ties in silk with

a satin stripe are favoured for semi-sport suits. The matching handkerchief and tie sets are still strong. One really nice set I saw matched a linen handkerchief to a silk tie. Linen handkerchiefs are good now even in winter.

Small neat patterns in heavy close weaves in a seven fold tie without any lining are rich, luxurious and long lasting. These tie in neat knots. A tie cut on the bias pulls back into shape when it hangs over night. You can tell whether it has been cut this way by pulling it slightly. If it has "spring" when pulled the long way, it's a bias cut tie.

Ties this year tend toward simple, neat designs. They aren't busy, flowery or tricky but are unobtrusive and harmonious in colour and pattern.

GIBLET PIE

PLACE a brookstick, well seasoned, at the bottom of a pie-dish. Scald two or three sets of goose giblets, pick and singe them; take the outer skin off the feet, which, with the pinions, cut into two, the neck into three, the gizzards into four, and the liver and heart into two pieces. Wash them all clean, put in a saucepan, and cover with water. Add the drumsticks, two onions, a little salt, and a teaspoonful of whole black pepper, tied in muslin; stew till the giblets are tender. Take them out and put into the pie-dish, season with more pepper and salt. Strain the liquor, and add half a pint of it with a glass of port wine.

When cold, put puff paste round the rim of the dish and cover it with the same. Brush over with yolk of egg, and bake in a good oven for ¾ to 1 hour, according to size.

All Set For The Party

THIS PARTY . . . you must understand . . . is not my own. . . I have been asked to it. Indeed, I have been asked to a round dozen parties between now and New Year's Eve and if I am to enjoy myself I expect certain things.

I want to know exactly what kind of party I am asked to attend. If I am expected to play bridge or dance or listen to a Punch and Judy show I must be warned on my invitation card.

If any hostess says dinner at 8.30 and then greets me with marvellous and elaborate suggestions for playing in charades, then she must put up with a guest who will be as reserved as a first night seat.

If my hostess lives in one of those roads without lamps and full of misnamed houses, then I want to know how to get to her party in time.

I suggest a small rough map on the back of the invitation card with the name of the nearest station, bus stop or main road.

Ice-breaking Game

A prominent landmark would help if the house is in an outer suburb, fingers or be served with sticks or

The exact postal address and her telephone number would assist my inquiries.

I want to be introduced to my fellow guests. I detect being told to make myself known to a round of strangers. If I am not formally introduced then I want some ice-breaking kind of game like "pairs" or labels on backs which will make it easy for me to go up and say to a likely looking fellow. "I'm So-and-so . . . who are you?"

I want the right kind of food. If the party is late enough to allow me to eat my own dinner at home, then the party food must be crisp, have a sting, be exciting, and, above all, a feast to the eye.

Let these ties guide you in selecting that appropriate gift for a man at Christmas. It's appropriate, that is, if it harmonises with his shirts and suits. If it doesn't—well, he'll unwrap it, grant a subdued "thanks" and then consign it to the rear of his tie rack. Another "Christmas tie"—one of the unwearables.

Remember..

TO ORDER early from your wine merchant.

TO LOOK through stock of Christmas tree decorations and buy new ones if necessary before all the good ones are gone. Also get some powdered starch for frost.

TO SEE that you have enough glasses to go round, and plenty of olives, cherries, olive sticks, etc.

TO THINK out where your Christmas tree is going to be placed, and see that an electric plug is handy if you're going in for coloured electric lights.

TO GET in a good supply of candles . . . the electric light has been known to fuse, and where are you going to get an electrician on Christmas or Boxing Day?

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wooden forks. All of it should be sized on the one-bite unit.

If, on the other hand, the party begins at 7.30 and is not a dinner party, then I want much more substantial food. Cold sausages and pies and Scotch eggs immediately suggest themselves.

At this kind of party the buffet should run—and run efficiently—until it is time to go home. Hostesses who imagine that guests eat less at stand-up supper should think again. They eat more because nobody can check up on their helpings.

No Tip-up Vases


I like flowers, but at parties I like them where I can admire them well out of reach—in long troughs on mantelpieces or in wall brackets, and not in tip-up vases and, more especially, not in artistic jars on the floor. The same applies to lamps and valuable ornaments.

I want somewhere to put my wine-glass and know that it is not going to strip the veneer off. I hate drippings, and those little embroidered circles for the bottoms of wineglasses, but I admire hostesses who openly protect their french polish with shiny oilcloth under linen.

I must know what I am drinking. How am I to know what "some of this pink stuff" is polite to do to me before the evening is out? If my hostess has not enough imagination to buy decorative enamel labels for her bottles and jugs then she should stick flags in the corks saying what's what.


I want to go home before I am dead tired. A subtle hint of some kind can wind up the party successfully. It can be the Lambeth Walk or the Roter, or better still, hot soup in the hall.

Kathleen Allman



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—Where Are The Songs We Sung
(from 'Operette'). Dearest Love
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rado—Selection. Carroll Gibbons
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Trot—A Foggy Day (film 'Damsel
in Distress'). Nice Work If You Can
Get It (film 'Damsel in Distress').
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6.20 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.30 Variety with Paul Robeson.
Albert Sandler Trio, George Tiplar
and Others. Vocal—Roll Away.
Clouds ('Virginia'—Waller and Tun-
bridge). Mummy (arr. Robeson).
Paul Robeson (Bass) with Chorus
and Orchestra. Instru.—Fiery Son-
net (from 'The Immortal Hour'—Bought-
ton). Le Camari (Polka). Albert
Sandler Trio. Vocal—"The Sorcerer".
Vocal Gems (Sullivan). Light
Opera Company with Orchestra.
Violin—Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric
Coates). In My Heart—Hungarian
Melody (Mikraik). Georges Tzipine
with Grand Organ of the Gaumont
Palace. Tairis Orchestra—The Mid-
night Waltz (Amodio). London No-
velty Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—"The Hammer
of God" by G. K. Chesterton. A
Father Brown thriller with Richard
Goulden as Father Brown.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Spanish Programme with
Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.30 Schumann—Trio in D Minor.
Op. 63. Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

8.55 A Song by Elisabeth Schu-
mann (Soprano). In Chamber
Soprano ('Der Opernball'—Heuber-
ger).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.20 London Relay—"Cards on the
Table."

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Postman's
Knock." Musical Comedy written by
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John Watkiss with music by Harry S.
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his Band. Cast: Claude Hulbert, Re-
ginauld Purdell, Percy Parsons, Anona
Winn, Harry Longhurst, Cyril Smith,
Philip Wade, C. Denier, Warren, Jane
Carr.

10.40 Dance Music. Fox-Trots—
Sally Without Words (from 'Four
Studies in Dance Music'—Van Phil-
lips). Thank You Mister Bach (from
'Four Studies in Dance Music'). The
B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by
Henry Hall. Fox-Trot—She's The
Daughter of the Old Grey Mare.
Waltz—Three Green Bonnets. Dan
Donovan and His Music. Fox-Trots—
Me and The Moon. On A Coconut
Island. Victor Young and His Orches-
tra. Fox-Trots—Indian Love—Call
(film 'Rose Marie'). Rose Marie (from
the film). Roy Fox and His Orches-
tra. Tangos—Responde Molevo. Re-
Fo-Si. Juan De Dios Filiberto and His
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Court Sequel To Armed Robbery Three Men Sent To Prison

Two out of four men pleaded not
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E. Lindsell, the Criminal Sessions
Judge, at the Old Bailey yesterday.
The three accused were Po So, Lo
Yee, Po Fun, and Po Kan. Lo Yee
and Po Kan denied the charge.
Jury members were: Messrs. W.
N. Fleming (Foreman), Pang Dic-
knee, Cheng Chee-cheung, L. Gaddi,
Ho Cheung-hon, G. Anderson, and
E. A. da Rosa.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown
Solicitor, said about 8 p.m., on Oc-
tober 10, junk No. 515Y was off Cheung
Sha Wan on the way to Sha Tin
from Castle Peak. On board were
the master, a crew of two and four
travelling traders who had with
them a varied assortment of goods.

Threatened To Fire

Another junk approached and called
to the first craft to stop, but this
time the second junk, the Criminal
threatened to open fire. Three men
boarded junk 515Y, searched it and
removed various articles, including
bags of salt, cloth, 122 tubes of Gov-
ernment opium, towels, tooth brushes,
and money.

Two men who remained on board
the robbers' junk were seen to be
armed. Later, the traders' boat
sailed for Lu King Tan and subse-
quently reported the robbery to the
police.

Together with Sergeant Davies, the
occupants of the victimised junk
went to Castle Peak and on another
junk was discovered the four
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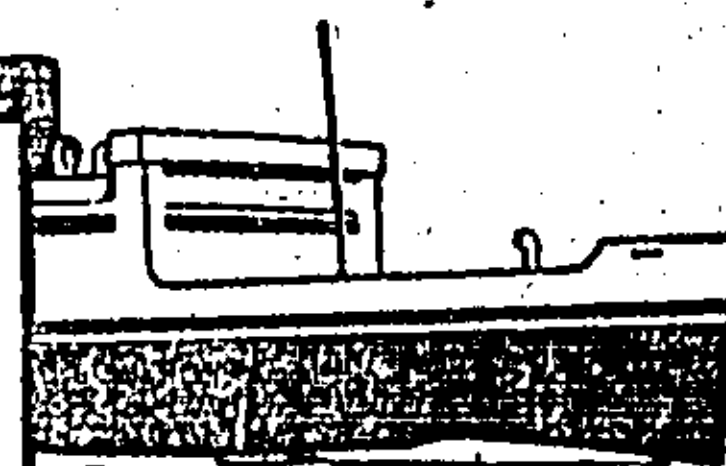
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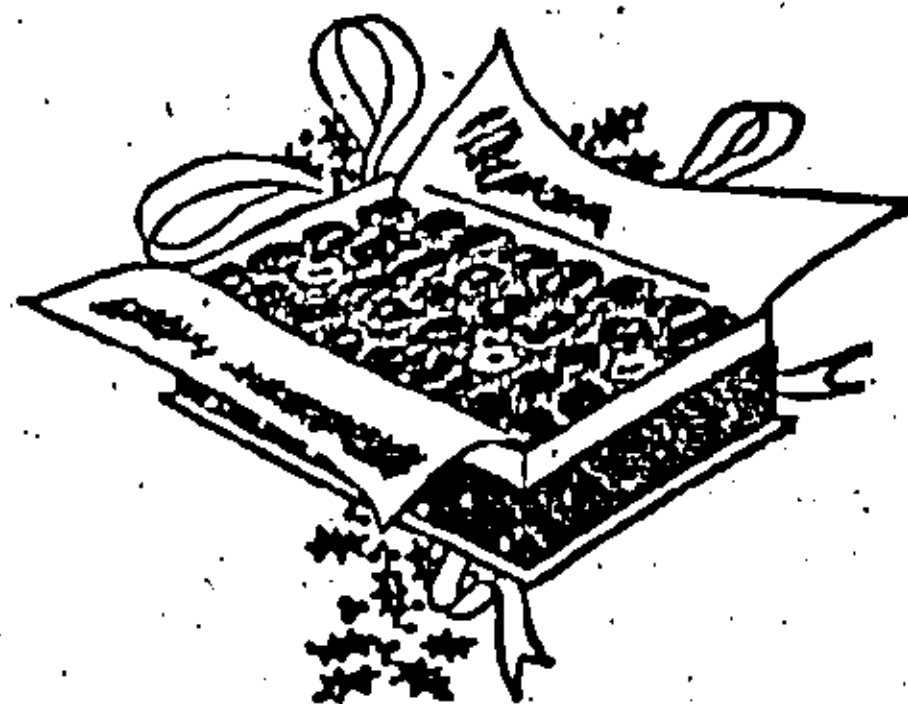
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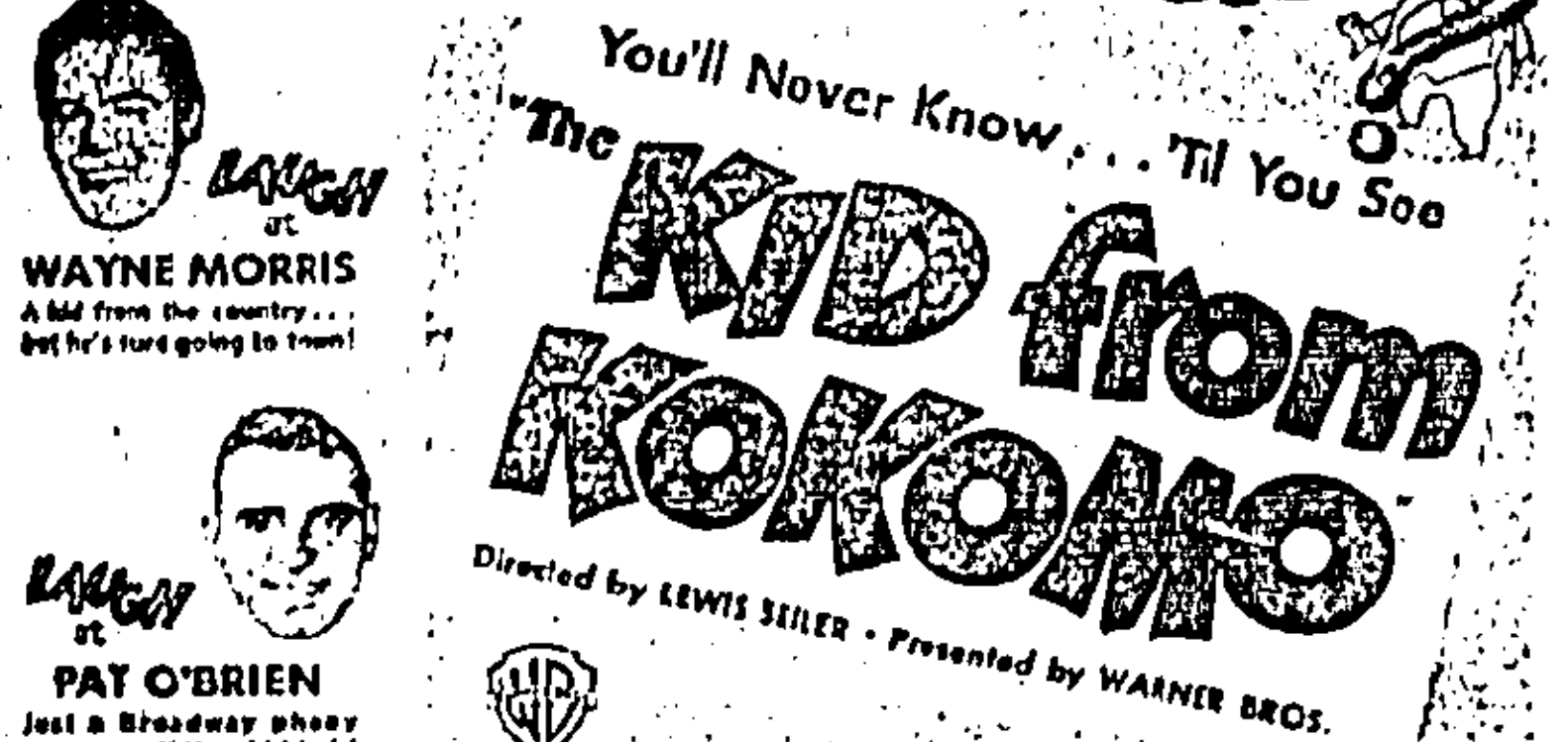
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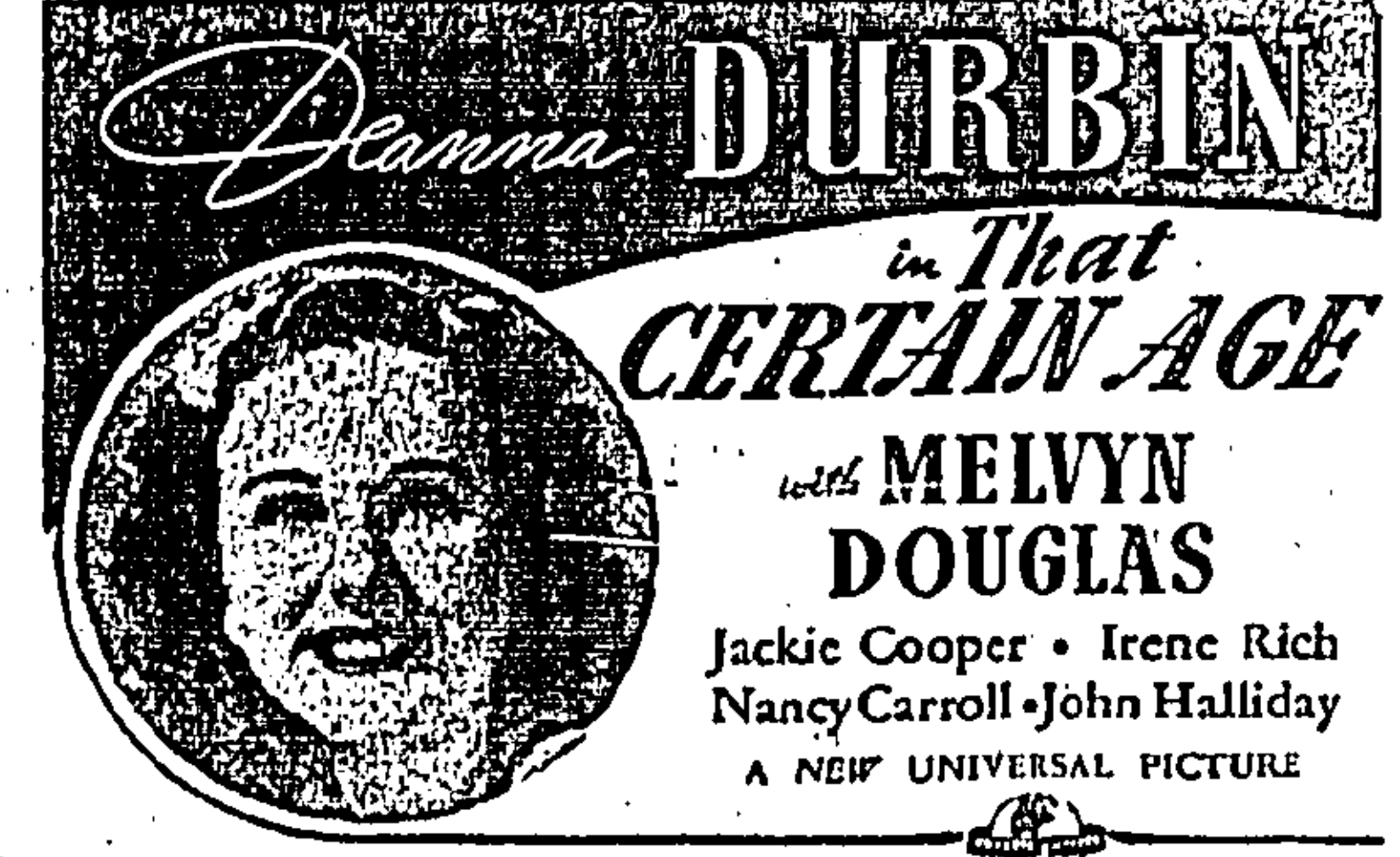
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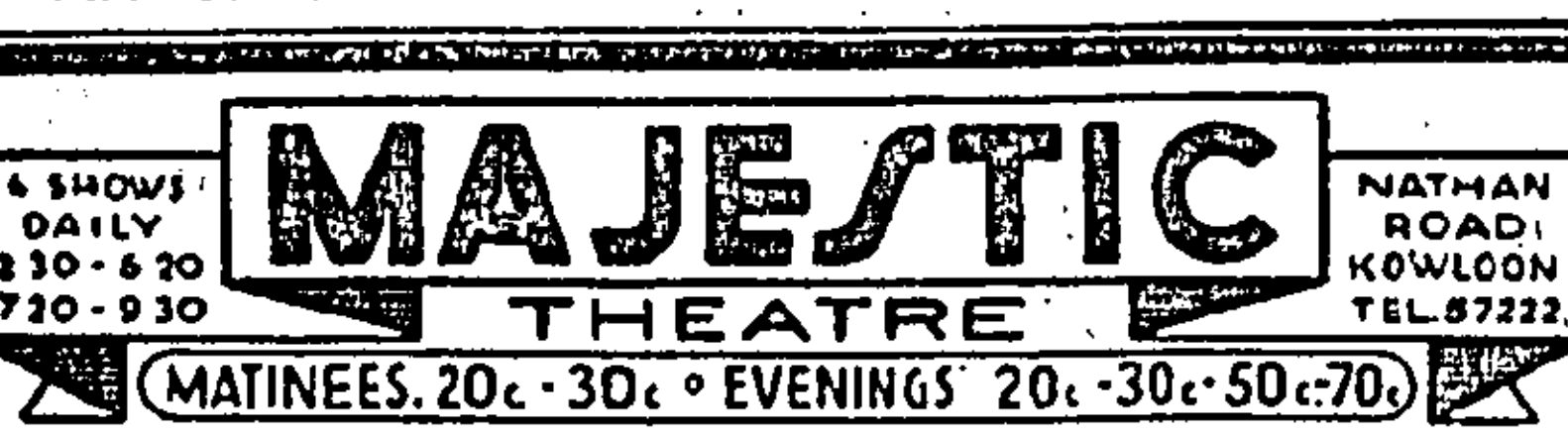
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LATE NEWS

King Visits Navy

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King paid a surprise visit to the Naval Command at Plymouth yesterday and spent many hours inspecting the naval establishment.
He talked to scores of officers, petty officers and men, including those of the mine-sweeping and anti-submarine flotillas attached to the Fleet.
The King also took the salute from a parade of 2,000 of the 9,000 officers and men stationed at Plymouth. They included fishermen from Newfoundland, for whom the King had a special word of greeting.

Preserving Fleet

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated that the importance of the German High Command attaches to the preservation of their diminishing Fleet was emphasised by the strength of the resistance to the R.A.F. reconnaissance flights yesterday.
The enemy withdrew their naval forces from the scene immediately the British raids began, leaving their fighter aircraft to dispute the British passage.

In the course of the severe fighting, the skill and determination of the British bombers was clearly demonstrated by the heavy casualties sustained by the German Messerschmitts.

The German account of the engagement is regarded as an abortive attempt to minimise the severe loss of prestige they have suffered on the sea and in the air during the last few days.

Americas Protest

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Argentina will publish to-day a joint Note addressed by 21 American countries to the European belligerents, protesting against the violation of the neutrality zone established by the Panama Conference.

The Note, which has already been approved by the other states, declares in strong terms that the River Plate Battle has caused dissatisfaction among the American countries, and sets forth a formal declaration that it is intended to prevent a repetition of such occurrences.

Telephoned Hitler

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Before scuttling his ship, it is reported that Captain Langsdorff telephoned Herr Hitler for final instructions.

Hitler, it is said, made him promise that he would not risk his own or the lives of his crew in destroying the Graf Spee.

Clipper Mail To Close Early

Pan American Airways China Clipper, which is expected to arrive in the Colony at 4.15 p.m. this afternoon, will depart for Manila at 7 a.m. tomorrow morning, in consequence of which the mails will close at 7 p.m. this evening.

The Clipper has to make up one day between Manila and San Francisco and instead of arriving at the latter port on December 27, is now scheduled to arrive on Boxing Day, December 26.

Dempsey Fails

Jack Dempsey aboard the Clipper.

Purge Imminent

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—According to Part-Radio, the Chief Political Commissar and the Chief of the O.G.P.U. have left Moscow for the Finnish front to investigate recent cases of disaffection among the Russian troops.
The Kremlin is said to be dissatisfied at the conduct of the Finnish campaign, and it is expected that "severe measures" will be taken against the Russian commanders on the front.

212 Tanks Destroyed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A Finnish communiqué claims that 212 Russian tanks have been destroyed since the outbreak of hostilities.

Russian Claim

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Red Army communiqué claims occupation of Pitkanjervi.

U.S. Planes For Finns

New York, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—U.S. is sending 44 warplanes to Finland.

Uruguay's Defence

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Referring to the German Note to Uruguay, claiming that the Neutrality Law has been improperly applied in the case of the Admiral Graf Spee, the Uruguayan Foreign Minister said that he was convinced that his country had scrupulously observed the principles of neutrality and International Law.

He was prepared to publish a report showing that the procedure followed by Uruguay was correct, and had even been applied in a most liberal sense.

BATTLES RAGE IN FINLAND

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participated in the entire German campaign in Poland.

Snow Aids Defenders

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Heavy snow is now falling on all fronts in Finland, tremendously helping the Finns in the battle against Soviet aggression.

Finland circles expect dramatic developments in the northern front before long.

It is reported that in one Finnish withdrawal in the northern area, 9 Finnish machine-gun companies remained hidden in a town from which the main body had withdrawn.

The first Russian company to enter the town was machine-gunned and killed to the last man.

Moscow Reports

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (UP).—There is heavy artillery firing on the Karelian Isthmus indicating a strong offensive against the Mannerheim Line, according to the 18th Red Army communiqué issued this morning.

The Soviet air force has been immobilized for the past two weeks owing to unfavourable weather, but took the air again to-day and bombed several unspecified places.

The communiqué confirms Fin- (Continued on Next Column.)

Since Sunday afternoon Canadian soldiers have been streaming down the gang-planks from their transports.

The vanguard has taken up quarters at the centres where they will receive their final training alongside British units.

The Canadian Active Service Force, as it is known, includes English speaking French Canadians and a handful of American Indians who have risked loss of citizenship by taking an oath of allegiance to King George VI.

Major General Andrew G. L. McNaughton is the General Officer Commanding the Canadian Active Service Force, which have been gathered together from such distant points as Vancouver and the Arctic Circle without word reaching the outside world.

The secret was so well kept that few people in this port knew that the Canadians were coming, even when the first giant grey transport took shape out of the western mist and glided to anchorage against a backdrop of slate grey hills.

NAZI STEAMER CAPTURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A British warship arrived off Santiago escorting a German merchantman, Dusseldorf, whose capture was announced a few days ago.

The Dusseldorf is being fitted out as a British vessel.

The German crew are believed to be prisoners in the warship.

British reports that the Soviet troops have not advanced on any of the fronts except in the far north.

The communiqué says: "Last Monday, the Soviet troops occupied the village of Pitkanjervi, 85 kilometres south of Petsamo. On other fronts there was scouting activity."

"On the Karelian Isthmus the Soviet troops engaged in artillery fire with the enemy. In several districts there were air engagements by the Soviet air force."

"A number of ships of the Baltic fleet shelled the coastal batteries on Porkkari Island, northwest of Kronstadt."

Canadian Aid

LONDON, Dec. 18 (British Wireless).—A sum of \$9,000 has been presented from Canada to help the Finns and since their greatest need is for ambulances, four are shortly being sent from Britain and will be the first to reach Finland from abroad.

Of this sum the Canadian Red Cross has contributed \$5,000 and the rest has been sent by Finns in Canada.

Fierce Frontier Battle

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The fierce battle which has been raging all night south of Kuopio on the Norwegian-Finnish frontier is still progressing.

Soviet troops have now occupied a great deal of Finnish territory along the Norwegian frontier although they have sustained heavy losses.

These losses are unlikely to have a serious effect upon their ability to retain the new positions owing to the large forces at their disposal.

Steady Advance

They have been steadily pressing southward since Friday.

Fifty Finnish soldiers crossed the frontier during the week-end. They stated that the Finnish detachments have taken heavy toll of the enemy. At one point, they claimed, no less than 700 Russians were taken completely by surprise and were wiped out with small field guns and machine-guns.

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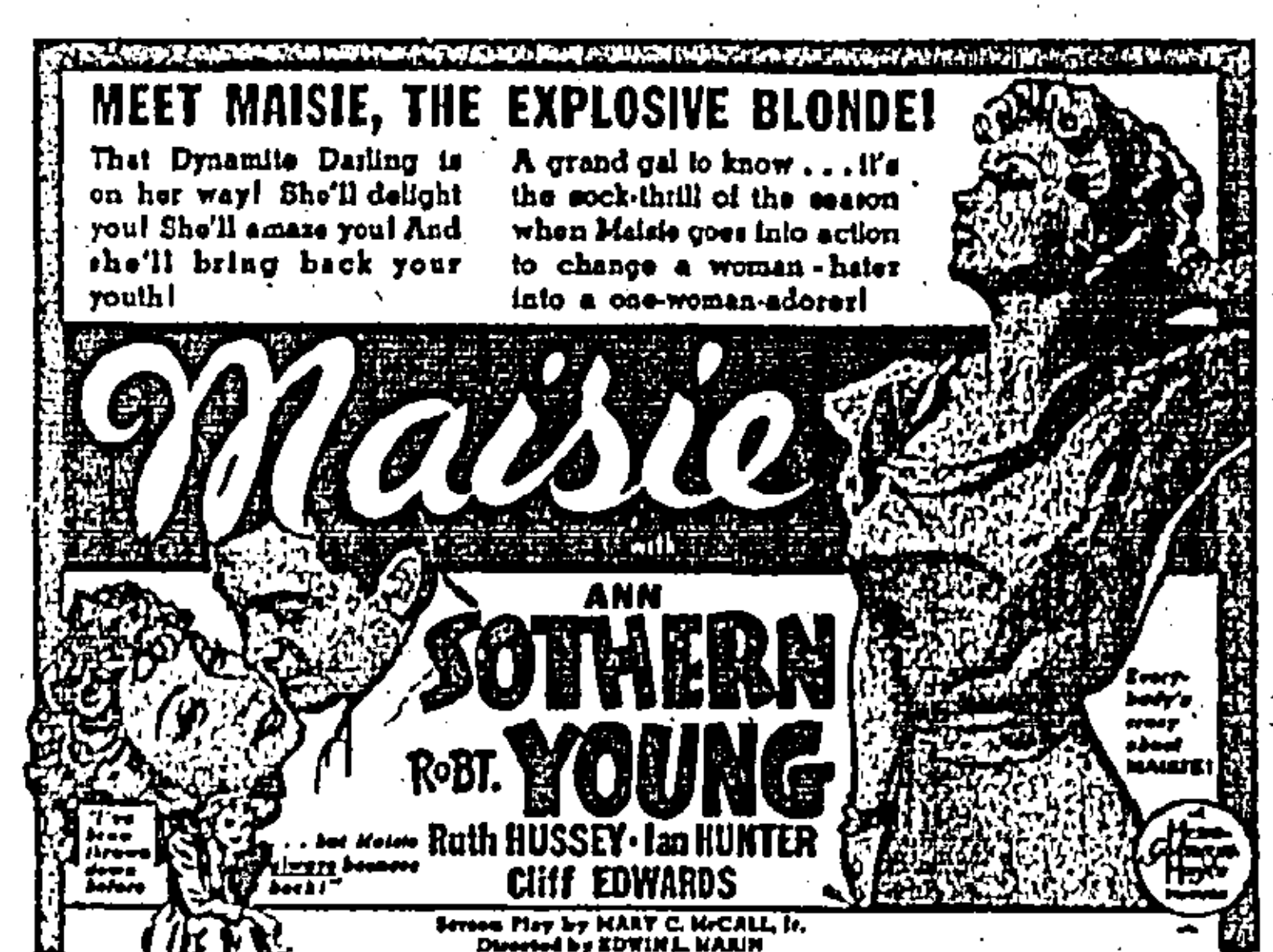
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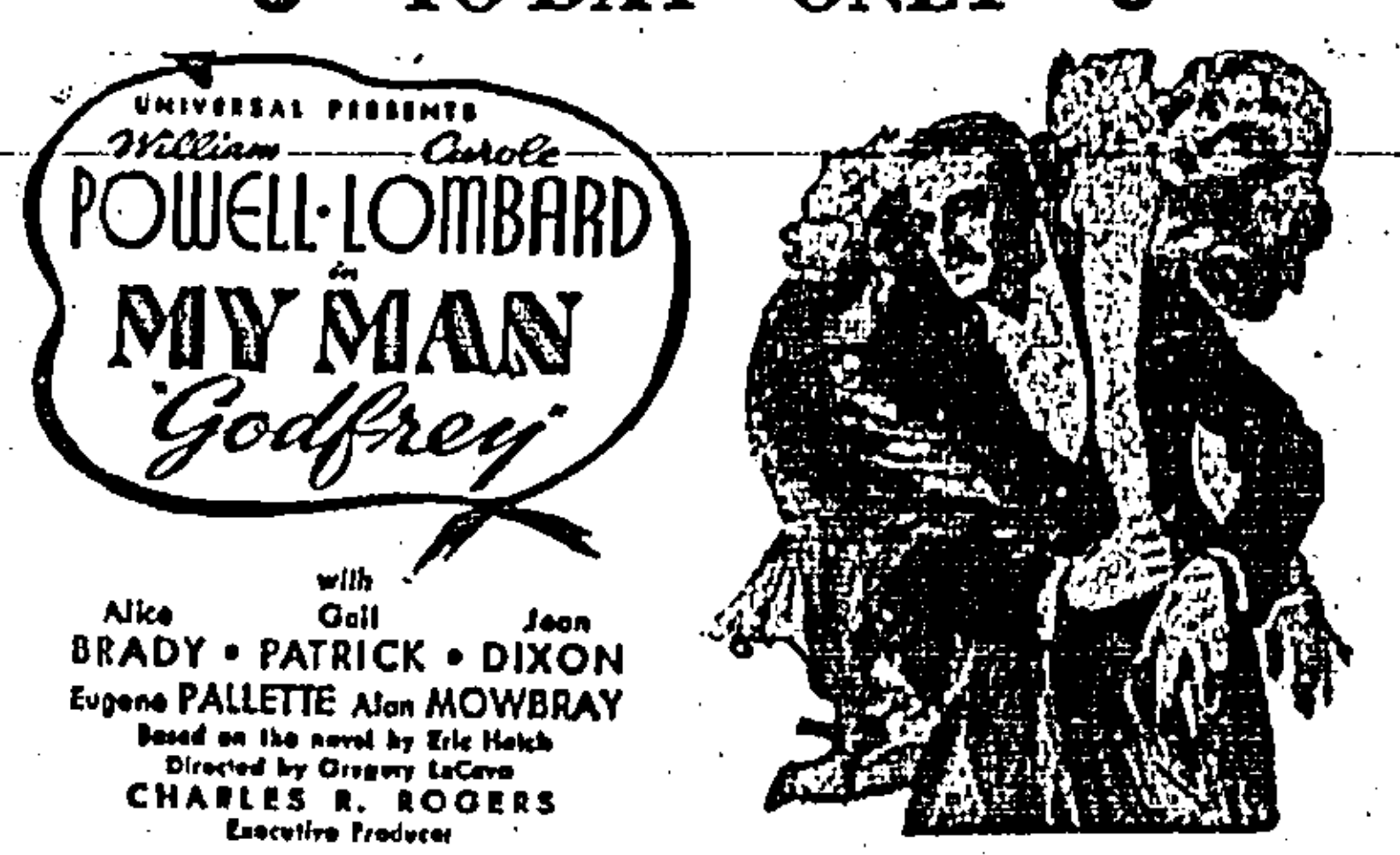
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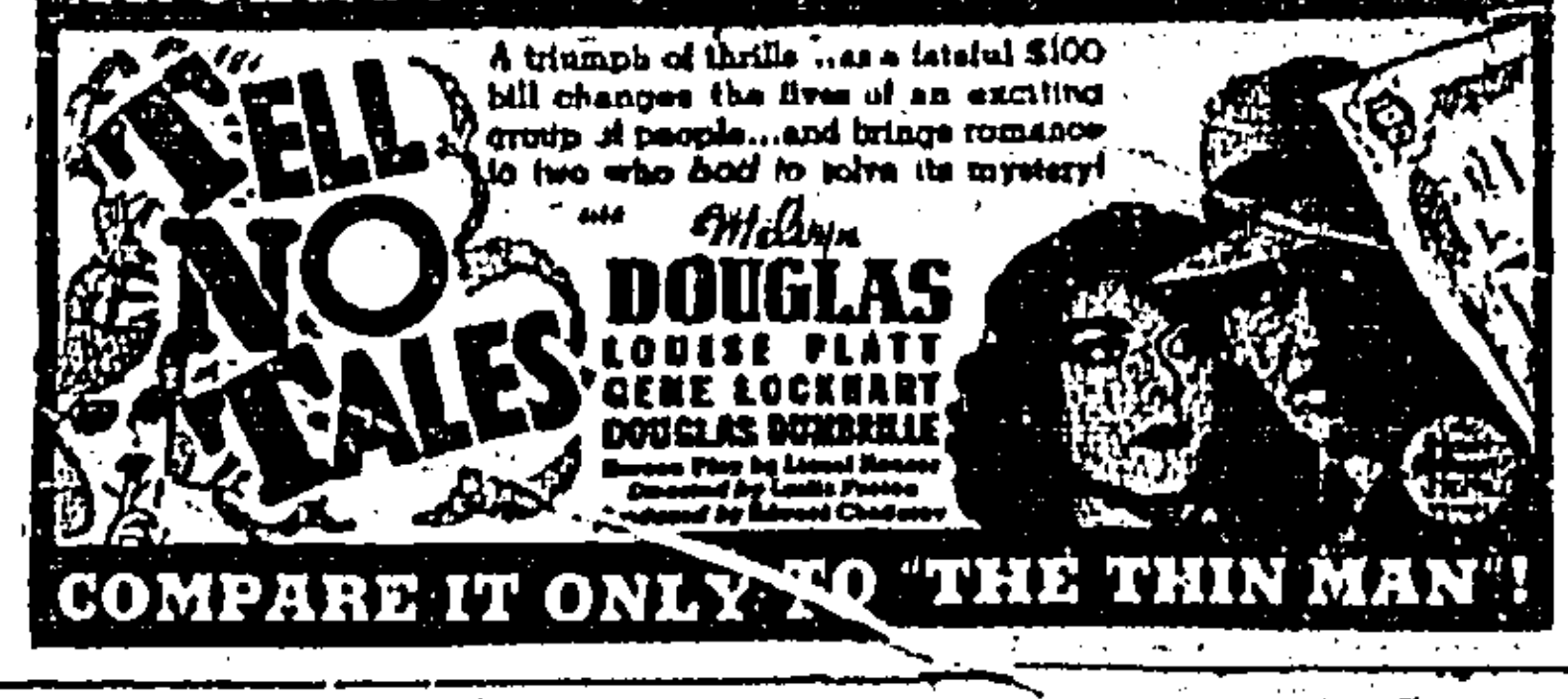


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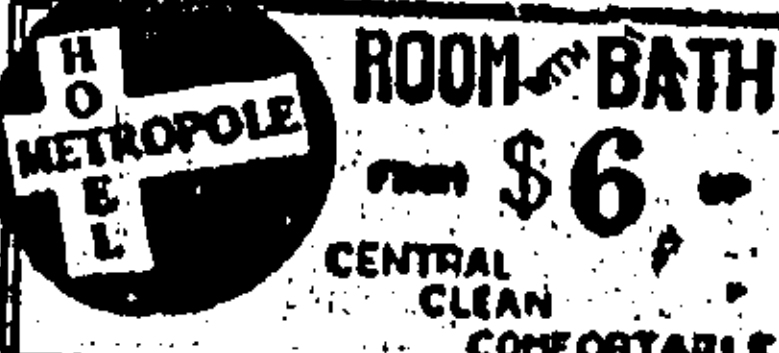
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